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## Hundreds attend procurement conference at Rose State College

**Darren D. Heusel**  
Staff Writer

Two hundred small business representatives gained an inside track on business opportunities at government installations and other corporate giants by attending the 2001 Government Procurement Conference March 13 at the Rose State College Student Center.

The Tinker Air Force Base Small Business Office, in conjunction with Rose State College and the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center, served as host for the conference.

Representatives from Tinker, Altus AFB, Army Corps of Engineers, Boeing, Northrop-Grumman, Raytheon and DynPar attended the conference and offered one-on-one discussion about contracting with their organization.

Other representatives from the Defense Information Systems Agency, Veterans Business Outreach Center, Air Force Outreach Program Office, Electronic Commerce Resource Center, General Services Administration, Defense Logistics Agency, Small Business Administration, Federal Aviation Administration and state and city offices also offered advice and assistance.

"We've done some kind of contracting conference for decades, but this is our fifth year under this particular format," said Betty Thomas, director of Small Business at Tinker.

"Every year, we try to update the conference with new legislation, new programs and feedback from our customers. We try to tailor it each year and provide the most benefit. It's mainly for new government contractors, those who want to be and those who are already doing contract work."

Rose State President Dr. Jim Cook said the college welcomes meaningful partnerships with a number of entities around the state and told business leaders, "We hope this conference will provide you with a number of meaningful contacts and partnerships that will help your businesses as well."



Air Force photo by Margo Wright

### Contract opportunities

**Col. Garry Varney, director of Tinker's Contracting Directorate, speaks to the crowd convened at Rose State College March 13 for the fifth annual contracting conference. Betty Thomas, director of Small Business at Tinker, listens to Varney's comments.**

Col. Garry Varney, director of Contracting at Tinker, said the conference is a great opportunity for the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Rose State College and the state of Oklahoma.

"I truly believe small businesses are keystones for making our base work," he said. "They're not only keystones for making our base work, they're keystones in helping our weapon systems perform their missions well."

"We issue about 15,000 contracts a year

and we rely heavily on small business. In fact, we awarded over \$200 million to small businesses last year alone. We are also a firm believer in competition, which I think is our mainstay."

Participants broke up into groups and attended a variety of breakout sessions.

The first breakout session dealt with basic contracting principals and tenets, while the

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## Hackers give Tinker taste of attack

### Weak passwords biggest problem

**Gail Kulhavy**  
Staff Writer

Hackers delved into the depths of Tinker Air Force Base computers Feb. 12 through March 8 trying to find a way in ... and they did.

The "hackers" were professionals from the Air Force Information Warfare Center at Kelly AFB, Texas. The group, known as the "Red Team," started its probing attempts to penetrate the Tinker network security boundary by Internet from Kelly using off-the-shelf software.

Next, they attacked Tinker

using computers with modems, dialing every phone number in the area looking for security holes.

"Their purpose was to verify the integrity of the Tinker network security boundary," said Dave Fralish, chief, Network Security Office, 72nd Communications Squadron. "They performed this task by using available tools and techniques to find, identify and then exploit potential network vulnerabilities."

According to the Red Team's Network Security Engineering Assessment, they hacked into 88 machines at the highest level. The dial-in found certain numbers without user name or password protection and the team

accessed the entire base network.

"The biggest problem the team found at Tinker was weak user passwords," said Fralish. "Employees should be careful in creating their passwords. They should never use any words found in a dictionary, nor should they use any words associated with them such as the names of family members."

"A good password can be derived from using the first letter of each word in a phrase, mixing upper and lower case letters and using special characters and numbers intermingled throughout the password."

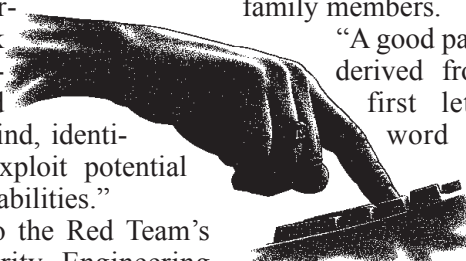
The team did their best to attack Tinker's user and network

vulnerabilities and achieved access to a large number of computers. Had they been terrorists bent on gaining valuable security information, they might have succeeded.

The best advice the Network Security said they could give to the work force is to be vigilant. "Don't write down passwords and store them under your keyboard or stuck to the face of your monitor or even tucked away in a desk drawer," Fralish said. "If you think your password has been compromised, then change it. Never share your password with anyone - system administrators will never call you on the phone asking for your password."

In a world of changing

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# Readiness relies on augmentees

Gail Kulhavy  
Staff Writer

Ensuring Tinker's readiness in wartime and natural disasters is the mission of the Individual Mobilization Augmentees assigned to Tinker's Inspector General Readiness Section.

They plan and implement exercises from simulating an aircraft crash to a chemical spill in the industrial area.

The IMA Program is for reservists requiring a certain amount of flexibility in their schedules. Working beside active duty and civilians, they become an integral part of the office serving as little as 24 days a year or can, on rare occasions, serve as many as 365.

"We typically coordinate the war materiel support exercises, which means

we simulate going into the wartime mode of supporting the warfighter through the [Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center]," said Lt. Col. Marcia Walker, exercise project officer. "However, we also ensure a fair number of natural disaster exercises are held."

As an IMA, Walker is one of four IMAs tasked with supporting, the quarterly Major Accident Response Exercise and 12 annual exercises. However, there are an additional 16 exercises that may be conducted each year, testing such areas as center battle staff operations, base disaster preparedness, anti-sniper operations and community mutual-aid exercises.

"In many cases, we work in conjunction with local services such as the

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Air Force photo by Eddie Edge

Lt. Col. Marcia Walker and Maj. Rick Horn, both IMAs in the Inspector General Readiness Section, coordinate exercise planning requirements for War Wagon 01-05.

# U.S., NATO condemn fighting in Macedonia

Linda D. Kozaryn  
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The United States and NATO condemn the escalating violence ignited by extremist ethnic Albanian guerrillas in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and support efforts to quell the conflict.

NATO Secretary-General Lord George Robertson announced his intent March 19 to seek more troops from NATO's 19 member nations to secure the Kosovo-FYROM border. U.S. officials said the president would decide whether to contribute more troops once the NATO request is received.

About 5,600 Americans are among the 37,000 peacekeepers in the NATO-led Kosovo Force. Another 400 U.S. troops provide logistics support for the Kosovo mission from a base in Skopje, Macedonia.

NATO has raised the profile and number of forces arrayed along the border, DoD spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley pointed out at a March 20 Pentagon news briefing. In the past few days, for instance, KFOR

leaders deployed Task Force Viking, a reserve force of about 300 British and Norwegian troops, into the border area.

"U.S. forces and the others in the sector have stepped up their activities considerably in the last few days," Quigley said. Another 150 U.S. troops have moved to the border area in the U.S. sector in Kosovo to supplement the 150 already there. A Polish-Ukrainian battalion is deployed there as well.

U.S. officials don't have an exact handle on the number of insurgents, but estimate it's in the hundreds. "We do feel the numbers of them are quite small, and they do not represent the views of the vast majority of the people living in the FYROM," Quigley said.

He described the insurgents generally as nationalistic young men who have no families or jobs and whose goal is to disrupt the status quo. "They're hotheads and they're extremists by anyone's yardstick," he said.

The United States "unequivocally supports Macedonia's territorial integrity and the legitimate efforts of the Macedonian government to protect the

rule of law," U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said March 19.

He called the extremist ethnic Albanian violence along the Macedonian border "completely different" from the situation in Kosovo in 1999, when NATO conducted Operation Allied Force, its 78-day air war against Serbian Yugoslavia.

In Kosovo, Boucher said, NATO stopped an army bent on killing or removing ethnic Albanians — more than 90 percent of the Serbian province's 2 million population. Ethnic Albanian Kosovars were trying to protect their homes, families and rights, he said. In Macedonia, he continued, people who live in the multi-ethnic, democratic country are "trying to assert some sort of control with guns."

Denying the guerrillas safe haven is an important part of NATO's strategy, Boucher noted. NATO has allowed Yugoslav police and troops to move back into a buffer zone along the border that had been closed to them since the Serbs pulled out of Kosovo in June 1999.

*Cruisin' the neighborhood*



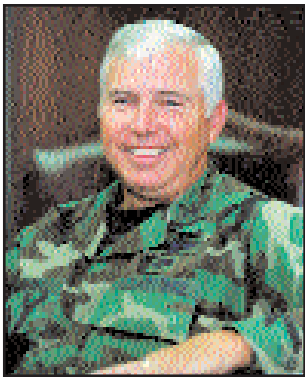
Air Force photo by Meredith Zimmerman

## Enlistments on ice

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Loren M. Reno swears 13 inductees into the delayed enlistment program during a ceremony on the ice of the Oklahoma City Blazers before a hockey game March 16. Coordinated by the 349th Recruiting Squadron, the induction was a first at a Blazers' game. The delayed enlistment program reserves an Air Force inductee a specific job for up to a year.

# Action Line

The Action Line program is a vital link among every civilian and military member on base. You may submit questions and comments to Action Line by calling 736-3333 or on e-mail addressed to CICAL@tinker.af.mil, and TDD users, ext. 63333.



Col. Bob Gambrell  
72nd Air Base Wing commander

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Security Forces . . . . .	42878
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## YOFAM: Year of the Family

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Hector Rivera, 72nd Mission Support Squadron commander, at 734-2590 or e-mail Hector.Rivera@tinker.af.mil.



# SPORTS

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## NOTES

### Bowling tournament

Today is the deadline to sign up for the LPP Booster Club Bowling Tournament. It will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 30 at Tinker Bowling Lanes.

Cost is \$10 per person with five-person teams. There will be three games, nine-pin no-tap.

For more information, call James L. Smith at 736-3132.

### Intramural basketball standings

#### Small Squadrons

<i>Team</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>M.C.*</i>
32nd Combat Communications Squadron	6	1	2
31st Combat Communications Squadron	6	2	1
33rd Combat Communications Squadron	4	3	2
72nd Communications Squadron	5	4	0
34th Combat Communications Squadron	5	0	4
552nd Operational Support Squadron	4	4	1
552nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron	4	5	0
966/964th Airborne Air Control Squadron	4	4	1
3rd Combat Communications Squadron	0	7	2
552nd Computer Systems Squadron	0	6	3

#### Large Squadrons

<i>Team</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>M.C.*</i>
VQ-4	8	1	
965th Airborne Air Control Squadron	7	2	
72nd Security Forces Squadron	6	3	
TACAMO	6	3	
552nd Computer Systems Squadron	5	4	
72nd Medical Group	4	5	
552nd Component Repair Squadron	4	5	
72nd Mission Support Squadron	3	6	
552nd Logistics Support Squadron	1	8	
552nd Aircraft Generation Squadron	1	8	

#### 30 and Over

<i>Team</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>M.C.*</i>
72nd Mission Support Squadron	8	0	
72nd Medical Group	6	2	
Retirees	5	3	
72nd Security Forces Squadron	5	3	
VQ-4	3	4	1
3rd Combat Communications Squadron	3	4	1
95th Army Division	3	5	
31st Combat Communications Squadron	1	7	
VQ-7	1	7	

*M.C. is Military Committment*

*Final standings as of March 16*

# TINKER LANES

The Preferred Plus! program is accepted at the bowling center. Call 734-3484 for information about bowling center activities.

Tinker Lanes Bowling Center offers:

- Cosmic Bowling from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$2.20 per game.
- Rent-A-Lane from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday for \$6 an hour. Preferred Plus! members can bowl for \$1 a game from 1 to 5 p.m.



- Lunch bowling from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Cost is 75 cents a game with lunch purchase (\$3 minimum).
- Senior special: Bowling for 75 cents a game from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. There will be a nine-pin no-tap tournament at 1 p.m.
- Family special: Children bowl for \$1 per game when bowling with a parent.
- Call for information on bowling birthday packages for children.
- March lunch special: Barbecued beef sandwich, chips and a small drink for \$2.95 served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Commander’s Trophy League bowling standings

1st — 31st Combat Communications Squadron	9th — 72nd Mission Support Squadron
2nd — Defense Information Systems Agency	10th — 654th Combat Logistics Support Squadron
3rd — 552nd Aircraft Generation Squadron	11th — Marines
4th — 72nd Security Forces Squadron	12th — 552nd Operational Support Squadron
5th — 32nd Combat Communications Squadron	13th — Naval Reserve Center, Okla.
6th — 552nd Logistics Support Squadron	14th — 552nd Computer Systems Group
7th — 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron	15th — 552nd Training Squadron
8th — 3rd Combat Communications Support Squadron	16th — 72nd Operational Support Squadron

#### Individual high scorers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Game</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Series</i>
Dan Giradot	252/278	745	James Tubb	644
Bob Gambrell	257	698	Traci Wood	607
Breck Louthan		690	Toni Shattuck	605
Harley Ironfield	250	679		

# TINKER GOLF COURSE

The Tinker Golf Course and Pro Shop are located at Bldg. 6601. For information, call 734-2909. The golf course accepts Preferred Plus! and is open year-round for active duty, retirees, reservists, Department of Defense civilians and their dependents.

**Punch cards:** Tinker Golf Course patrons can save 20, 35 and 50 percent off daily green fees by purchasing a punch card from the pro shop. For more information,



call 734-2909.

**Pro Shop:** The Pro Shop is a certified Titleist and Ping fitting center. The staff has been trained by both companies to custom fit the golfer to the clubs he or she needs.

It takes approximately 30 minutes to properly fit the correct loft, lie, length and shaft flex. There is a \$25 fee for the fitting, but the fee will be credited toward a new set of clubs purchased in the Pro Shop. Preferred Plus! members receive 10 percent off.

#### Upcoming events:

— March Madness Sale, March 24-25. Use your skills to earn discounts on merchandise in the pro shop.

# FITNESS AND SPORTS CENTERS

The Gerrity Fitness and Sports Center hours are 5 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. holidays.

Bldg. 3705 Fitness Center hours are 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tinker Fitness Center hours are 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fitness Center West hours are 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Authorization to use the health clubs is extended to all military categories, civilian employees, contracted personnel and family members at no fee. Use privileges at Gerrity Fitness Center are extended to civilian personnel during nonpeak hours from 8 to 11 a.m., 1:30 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and all hours of operation on weekends and holidays.

Peak periods — 5 to 8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m. — are reserved for active duty military, retirees, reservists and their dependents.

Fitness facilities in Bldg. 3705 are open to all military categories, civilian employees, contract personnel and family members. Fitness facilities in Bldgs. 216 and 1103 are open at all times for all authorized users.

Preferred Plus! club members receive a 10 percent discount on classes at the fitness centers.

For more information, call the Gerrity Fitness Center at 734-3651, Bldg. 3705 at 734-6115, Tinker Fitness Annex at 734-2163 and Fitness Center West at 734-2227.

**Golf:** An intramural golf coaches meeting has been set for 3 p.m. March 29 in the Religious Education Bldg. Bylaws and changes will be discussed at this meeting, so it is vital that each



Air Force photo by Becky Pillifant

## Gloves-on training

**Orlando Valles, left, works on his boxing techniques with Coach Gualberto Suarez during a boxing class at the Gerrity Fitness and Sports Center. Boxing classes are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suarez has coached the Tinker Hawks boxing team for six years and was the Air Force boxing team coach in 1997 and 1999. For more information about classes, call Suarez at 734-3273 or 737-7940.**

squadron wishing to participate in the league send a representative. One of the pros from the golf course will be at the meeting to answer questions. For more information, call the fitness center at 734-3651.

**Softball:** A softball coaches meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. April 3 in the R.E. Bldg. For more information, call 734-5607.

**Martial arts:** Taiji Boxing is being offered at the Tinker Fitness Annex. Classes will be conducted from 5 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. The instructional fee for the classes will be \$40 per month.

Taiji Boxing is a form of martial arts emphasizing “Dim-Mak” pressure point fighting and unarmed military combat. The instructor, Gary Romel, is one of only eight people in the United States certified to instruct this unique style. Individuals wanting to sign up for the classes should do so by contacting the Tinker Fitness Annex at 734-2163, or the instructor at 733-8329.

**Individual fitness programs:** Individual fitness assessments and personalized fitness programs are offered to Gerrity patrons. Make an appointment to schedule a fitness evaluation and receive instruction in setting up an



exercise routine. For additional information, call or visit the Gerrity Fitness and Sports Center.

**Aerobics:** Group aerobics classes are now being held at the new fitness center in Bldg. 3705. Step aerobics will be held from 6 to 7 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Kickboxing will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cost is \$2 per class, \$20 per month for Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes and \$25 per month for Monday through Friday classes.

A wake-up workout with step aerobics, step circuit/interval and cardio kickboxing is offered at Gerrity Fitness and Sports Center. Aerobics class is from 6 to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Lunchtime power hour workout offers step and tone, hi-lo and step, step circuit and cardio kickboxing from 11 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Evening aerobics classes are scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For those who are unable to attend any of these three classes, evening and weekend aerobics classes are held at the Tinker Fitness Center, Bldg. 216, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday. For information on these classes, call the Tinker Fitness Center at 734-2163. Cost for classes is \$2 per class or \$25 per month.

# INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

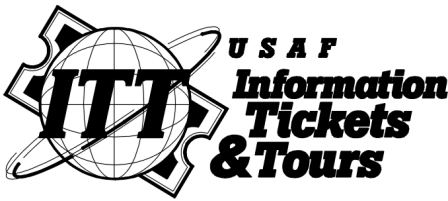
The Information, Tickets and Tours office is located in Bldg. 5702, across from the bowling center and base theater. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

All activities are open to Department of Defense card holders: active duty military and their dependents, retired military, reservists and civil service employees. For more information, call ITT at 734-3791.

The ITT office has a discount ticket outlet at The Gift Corner, located in the Bldg. 3001 base restaurant. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**The Shriner’s Circus** is at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds Arena through March 25. Tickets are \$10 at the gate, \$8 from ITT or \$7 from a Shriner. Each ticket is good for two children ages 12 and under or one adult, 13 and older.

**Local activities:** ITT wants this spring’s tours to meet the needs of all personnel. If you have a group and a destination in mind, let ITT help put the plan in gear. Destination Arlington packages can be suited to any particular group. An overnight trip to Medieval Times, followed by a day at Six Flags, then a few hours at Grapevine Mills to spend that last shopping dollar is one



example.

The Scottish Heritage Festival will be held at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park March 24 and 25. If interested in a group trip, contact the ITT office for more information.

Other local activities include:

— Two-Day Golfer Delight, April 28. Come and enjoy two rounds of golf with dinner, an overnight stay and breakfast. One round of golf at Chickasaw Pointe and one round at Lake Texoma. Cost is \$190 per person double occupancy and includes tax, gratuities, transportation and prizes. There is a limit of 24 people and advance payment is needed by March 28.

— Fur Trade Rendezvous at the Durant, Fort Washita Historic Site, April 7. The fort is transformed into a pre-1840s rendezvous with about 40-50 “period” vendors, specializing in black powder, fur traders and trappers. Come experience a part of history. Transportation cost is \$10 per person and reservations should be made by April 3.

— Muskogee Azalea Festival in Honor Heights Park, April 14. Join more

than 200,000 visitors who witness the beauty of spring blossoms. Included in the festivities are a parade, chili and barbecue cook-off, bicycle tour, craft fair and run. Transportation cost is \$10 per person and reservations should be made by April 10.

**Six Flags:** ITT has season passes for \$50 per person. The pass is good for free admission to all “Branded” Six Flags Theme Parks and 50 percent off Frontier City and White Water Bay. One- and two-day tickets are also available.

**Coming attractions:** This summer, the Lyric Theatre will present family entertainment with advance discount tickets available through ITT. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$12 for high school students and younger. Watch the *Tinker Take Off* for performance schedules.

**Are you ready for some football?** Oklahoma Wranglers Arena Football starts April 7 vs. Buffalo. All home games are on Saturdays this season. The Wranglers will host Houston April 14 and Chicago April 21. ITT will have tickets to accommodate groups of 20 on a regular basis in the “300” level, plus more in the upper level. All sales are on a first come, first served basis. For fast, furious action and high scoring games, there’s not much that can top arena foot-

ball.

**Take me out to the ballgame:** The Oklahoma RedHawks open their season April 5 with a four-game homestand against Salt Lake. Games will start at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2:05 p.m. Sunday.

**Tickets:** All prices are subject to change. Frontier City and White Water Bay will open April 8 and tickets will be available at ITT soon. Daily admission to Frontier City will be \$18.50 and White Water Bay, \$16.50. This is a savings of \$8.50 and \$7, respectively. Season ticket prices will be announced at a later date.

**ITT’S Disney World promotion** will be conducted over the next four quarters. With each purchase of Disney World tickets, your name will be submitted for the quarterly drawing. Prizes and winners will be announced in the *Tinker Take Off* two weeks after the end of the quarter.

Three-day passes to Disneyland and the California Adventure Parks (one day at each park, one choice) are \$90 for adults and \$82 for children 3 to 9. Two-day passes (one day at each park) are \$70 and one-day passes are \$33.

Pick up an ITT information flyer from any of the promotional racks around work areas.



# SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Class registration is under way at the Skills Development Center, Bldg. 6002. Classes and services are open to all Department of Defense card holders: active duty military members and their dependents, retired military, reservists and civil service employees. Enroll during the following Wood Shop hours: 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Preferred Plus! members receive a 10 percent discount at the Skills Development Center on classes, auto hobby, frame shop, wood shop, Candle Corner gift shop, ready-to-finish furniture and laser engraving when they show their member card. Sale items will not be discounted an additional 10 percent.

**Candle Corner:** Candle Corner can create a gift basket filled with potpourri, scented candles and home décor items plus much more.

Also, don't forget to check out the quality line of unfinished hardwood furniture available.

**The Gift Corner:** The Gift Corner in the Bldg. 3001 Base Restaurant features Oklahoma-made products and is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the items available are pottery, soaps, vinegars and seasonings, figurines, gardening accessories, candles, country crafts, greeting cards and much more. The Gift Corner is also an outlet for Information, Tickets and Tours packages. Preferred Plus! discounts don't apply to sale merchandise.

**Engine flush service:** The Skills Development Center Auto Shop offers engine flush service by appointment. Cost is \$75 and includes an oil change. Some benefits of this service are improved oil flow and oil pressure, less wear from abrasive materials in the oil, better engine cooling and extended engine life. For an appointment or more information about this service, call 734-5615.

**Car check:** Appointments for brake jobs, front-end alignments, oil changes, antifreeze checks, tire balancings and rotations are available at the Auto Skills



Center, located in the Skills Development Center. For a morning appointment or more information, call 734-5615.

**Laser engraving:** Visit the center and see the line of engraving styles and techniques that can be created on the laser engraver. Engraved samples are on display. An assortment of plates and lettering styles are available for signs, plaques, labels, name tags and other items for home and office. Customers can bring in their own design or let the center create a design for them.

**Gallery and frame shop:** Visit the gallery and see what's new in prints. The gallery features works by Charles Bibbs, Charles Russell, Fredrick Remington, Enoch Kelly Haney, Joysmith, Jim Hansel, Windbuerg, Darby Perrin, G. Harvey and Leroy Campbell.

**Aviation Art Gallery:** The Darby Perrin Aviation Art Gallery is located in the Skills Development Center. This one-of-a-kind shop features signed and numbered aviation prints by Perrin and offers a lay-away program.

Uncle Sam's AWAX patches can be purchased at the Perrin gallery. For an after-hours appointment or more information, call 741-6190.

**Custom frame shop:** Custom framing, as well as a variety of prints and mats, is available at the Skills Center Frame Shop. Choose from more than 400 different styles of moulding.

**Auto Shop specials:** The Auto Shop's Sunday specials include free antifreeze checks and top-off through March, 10 percent off oil changes and 10 percent off all oil and filters purchased on Sundays. Preferred Plus! discount does not apply on discounted specials.

**Base Auto Mart:** Looking for a pre-owned vehicle? The Base Auto Mart may have just what you're looking for. At any given time, there are at least 20 different makes and models of vehicles on the parking lot north of the Gerrity Fitness Center, Bldg. 6004, on McNarney Avenue.

Customers who want to sell a vehicle on the Base Auto Mart must first visit the Skills Development

Center and complete the required forms. The fee is \$5 per vehicle for seven days. For more information, call Gay Patton at 734-5615.

## Spring Craft Fair

The Skills Development Center is holding a Spring Craft Fair May 11 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bldg. 3001, in hallways G and F. Crafters can register for booth space at the Skills Development Center located in Bldg. 6002, starting April 9 at 8 a.m. For more information, call 734-5615.

## Craft classes

Registration deadline for any Skills Development Center class is three days before starting date. A four-student minimum is required. For schedule information, call the center at 734-5615.

*Wooden pen making:* Two-session class starting March 29. Cost is \$40. All materials are included.

*Beginning framing:* 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting April 2. Cost is \$30 for three classes.

*Lap quilting and appliqué:* Four, two-hour beginner hand-lap quilting class sessions, beginning April 2. Cost is \$20 per class session. Appliqué classes are available upon request. For more information about appliqué classes, call 734-5615.

*Stepping stones:* Three-day class, beginning at 1 p.m. April 7. Cost is \$25. Students must furnish supplies.

*Woodworking:* 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 9. Cost is \$30.

*Scroll saw workshop:* 9 to 11 a.m. April 14. Cost is \$20.

*Stained glass:* Five-session class, 6 to 9 p.m. starting April 15. Cost is \$60 and includes all supplies. Tools are provided.

*Rubber stamping:* Basic classes, April 17 and 21. Class times are arranged by the instructor. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies.

Advanced classes are available upon request. Class dates and times are arranged by the instructor. Cost is \$35.

# Tick. Tick. Tick.

# Lyme disease explosion starts in spring

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## Air Force Print News

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Spring is here, and so is tick season across America and in many foreign countries.

Being bitten by an infected tick can result in debilitating, sometimes deadly, Lyme disease, military and civilian experts warn.

Left untreated, Lyme disease can advance from early flu-like symptoms to painful and permanent damage to the joints, according to the National Centers for Disease Control. The disease can also affect the nervous system, causing numbness, pain, stiff neck and severe headache or muscle weakness in the face or limbs. Occasionally, heart irregularities occur.

The first stage of the disease begins three to 31 days after the tick bites. Symptoms can include fatigue, chills and fever, headache, muscle and joint pain or swollen lymph nodes.

Another mark of Lyme disease, researchers say, is a peculiar expanding circular skin rash in the area where the tick bite occurred. Patch shapes vary depending on location. As the patch enlarges, the center may clear, giving a ring-like appearance. It may be warm, but isn't usually painful.

However, researchers say, some people never develop a rash.

People can pick up ticks during walks in parks or the woods, or while hiking and camping. Children are especially

susceptible because they run around in tall grass, play in wooded areas and roll on the ground, researchers noted.

The individual risk of getting Lyme disease is reasonably small. Only about 12 to 15 percent of ticks actually carry the bug. Removing ticks from the body quickly may prevent a person from contracting Lyme disease, experts said. Ticks generally must feed on a person for 24 to 48 hours before the person becomes infected.

Named after Lyme, Conn., where it surfaced in 1975, Lyme disease has become one of the fastest-growing vector-borne diseases in the United States. A vector is a host — the tick, in this case — that passes the disease germ. The highest incidence occurs in the Northeast from Massachusetts to Maryland and in Wisconsin, Minnesota, California and Oregon.

Researchers at the Armed Forces Pest Management Board said that often recruit training areas are infested with ticks. CDC officials said a number of service members have been infected in Germany over the years.

The federal Food and Drug Administration approved a Lyme disease vaccine in December 1998 for persons ages 15 to 70.

The vaccine's effectiveness depends on getting three doses in a year. The second dose is given a month after the first, and the third is given 11 months after that and just before the start of tick season.

FDA officials emphasize the vaccine is not 100 percent effective and is not a substitute for other standard preventive measures.

Service members can use a two-part chemical repellent system consisting of a permethrin-based spray for clothing and DEET-based lotion for exposed skin. The repellents should be coupled with proper wearing of the uniform.

Lyme disease experts warn field troops not to wear tick and flea collars meant for pets. Cats and dogs don't sweat, but people do, and harmful chemicals can get into the human body through sweat glands.

The best way to avoid Lyme disease is to stay away from places where ticks live — tall grass and weeds, scrubby areas, woods and leaf litter.

It is also a good idea to check children and pets after they have played outside.

If people can't avoid tick-infested areas, CDC experts suggest wearing a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. The pant legs should be tucked into socks or boots and the shirt should be tucked into the pants. Tape the area where pants and socks meet to keep ticks out, and wear light-colored clothing so ticks can be seen easily.

After being outdoors:

- Promptly remove and wash clothing;
- Inspect your body carefully and remove attached ticks with tweezers, grasping as close to the head as possible and gently tugging the

tick free without crushing its body. Squeezing the tick's body may force infected fluid into the wound;

- Place tick in sealed container for examination by a local health department; and
- Wash the wound and apply an antiseptic.

The Department of Defense uses education to combat Lyme disease as well as other vector-borne diseases, said officials at the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The center's Web site provides technical information, fact sheets and dozens of links to other pest- and disease-control agencies and activities.

The center's address for comments, questions and requests for educational material is:

U.S. Army CHPPM ATTN: Entomological Sciences Program Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5403, or call DSN 584-3613 or (410)436-3613.

The Armed Forces Pest Management Board Web site at <http://www.afpmb.org> offers an online version of Technical Information Memorandum 36, "Personal Protection Against Insects and Other Arthropods of Military Importance."

The illustrated 113-page handbook is no longer available in print, but can be viewed on the Web at <http://www.afpmb.org/pubs/tims/tim36.pdf>.

# FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

The Family Support Center is located in Bldg 1, Door 3, Room 105B and is open to all active duty and retired guardsmen and reservists, military and Department of Defense civilians and their family members. For more information, pick up a copy of the monthly calendar and call 739-2747.

### Air Force Aid Society programs

The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force. Incorporated in 1942, the society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help relieve financial distress of Air Force members and their families and to assist them in financing their higher education goals. The roots of the society go back to 1942 in response to Gen. Henry “Hap” Arnold’s concern that members of his Army air forces faced unique hardships in meeting the challenges of World War II. He wanted a national organization that could provide emergency assistance to the spouses and children of war victims and assure the availability of educational assistance to those families.

The AFAS is a private non-profit organization. However, since the society exists only to help Air Force people, there are close ties to the official Air Force. The deputy chief of staff for personnel acts as the society’s liaison with the Air Force, publishing and disseminating guidance for AFAS activities at base level.

The AFAS has always relied on individual donations to fund its activities. Early donations funded programs and allowed the society to put some money aside in an investment fund for contingencies and future programs. Only about 25 percent of emergency assistance needs are funded by donations. The rest of the money comes from the investment fund income and paybacks on existing loans. Every dollar donated through the Air Force Assistance Fund goes directly to emergency assistance programs.

Active duty and retired Air Force members and their dependents are eligible for AFAS assistance, as are the dependents Air Force personnel who died on active duty or retired. Air National Guard and Air Force reservists are eligible when serving on extended active duty 15 days or more under Title 10, US Code. Title 32 AGR are now eligible for emergency travel due to serious illness or death of an immediate family member.

AFAS will consider other unique requests on a case by case basis.

AFAS maintains a cross-servicing agreement with emergency relief organizations of the Army and Navy so Air Force people can request help through those offices when no AF facility is relatively close to the member/family. The opposite is also true for Army and Navy people. Local Red Cross offices will also provide assistance when there is no military base or post nearby and then will be reimbursed by Headquarters AFAS.

Most AFAS interest-free loans and grants are for short term or one-time emergencies such as food, rent and utilities. Help is also offered with car repair and emergency travel requirements. Each case, regardless of the request, is treated individually, and the society will review all requests for assistance and try to help if the local commander recommends help and if the assistance falls within the general thrust of the AFAS charter. More than 90 percent of emergency assistance dollars went to active duty members and their families in grades E-6 and below. The remainder went to other active duty, retirees, widows and ANG/Reserve members.

If you have questions concerning the Air Force Aid Society, contact the Family Support center.

### Foreign Born Spouse Group

Join the Foreign Born Spouse Group to meet new friends and learn about other cultures. The group meets the last Friday of each month at 7 p.m. Meeting places vary, so call for details. Everyone is welcome.

### Angel Award Nominations

The Angel Award Program is an annual event recognizing outstanding volunteers in the Tinker community. Awards are given in six categories, including active duty, active duty spouses, civilian employees, retirees or their spouses (not currently employed), groups and teenagers. Nominations are judged on impact of volunteer efforts, time/workload, other Tinker or community involvement, customer relations/service and dependability and initiative for individual categories and dependability and teamwork for the group category. Nominations are now being accepted at the Family Support Center with an extended deadline of March 30.

Previous Angel Award winners are not eligible to be considered for three calendar years from the date of receiving the award. Volunteer activities must have taken place between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31. Nomination packages should be in bullet style format and limited to one page. The nominee’s name cannot be included in the narrative.

## Vet services to be limited this spring

### Services Division

Due to TDY schedules, availability of appointments at the Vet Services facility will be limited this spring. Clients should call the Vet Clinic at 734-5780 during duty hours to arrange an appointment. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

The facility should be fully staffed by June.

Customers can help by keeping their visits with the veterinarian as short as possible.

## NOTEBOOK

### English as a Second Language class

The Mid-Del Learning Center has a new English as a Second Language class at the Del City Community Center, located at 4505 S.E. 15th Street. The free class will meet from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. The class is open to anyone who wants to improve verbal communication. For more information, call the Mid-Del Learning Center at 739-1783 or the Del City Community Center at 671-2868. Judith Starr, the teacher of the course, will stress conversational and language skills, beginning at a very basic level. If you know or are someone who would benefit from this type of instruction, don’t miss this learning opportunity.



# Meal Time

## Vanwey Dining Facility

### Tinker Golf Course Lunch Specials

**Monday**

Chicken fried steak, steak fries and corn, \$3.95,  
or pinto beans with cornbread, \$2.50

**Tuesday**

Chicken taco salad, \$3.75

**Wednesday**

Chopped sirloin steak, steak fries and salad, \$4.25

**Thursday**

Philly cheesesteak sandwich and chips, \$3.95

**Friday**

Pot roast, roasted potatoes, carrots and salad, \$4.25

### Tinker Elementary

**Monday**

Chili dog with fixings  
Saucy pork and beans  
Fruit cocktail  
Fruit and nut trail mix  
Farm Fresh milk

**Tuesday**

Chicken fillet sandwich with fixings  
Tri-tator with ketchup  
Fresh bunch of grapes  
Farm Fresh milk

**Wednesday**

Salisbury steak with brown gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
Strawberry and banana cup  
Hot roll  
Farm Fresh milk

**Thursday**

Cheese and bean burrito with salsa  
Baby carrots with ranch dip  
Sweet corn  
Fruit snacks  
Farm Fresh milk

**Friday**

Ham and cheese sandwich  
Tator tots with ketchup  
Pickle spear  
Orange juice  
Farm Fresh milk

**Today**

*Lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Beef rice soup  
Chicken noodle soup  
Yakisoba  
Veal parmesan  
Chicken tenders  
Steamed rice  
Oven browned potatoes  
Black-eyed peas  
Steamed broccoli  
Stewed tomatoes  
with croutons  
Brown gravy

*Snack Line Special:*  
Patty melt

*Dinner: 3:45 to 6 p.m.*

Chicken patties  
Fish portions  
Pork chow mein  
Filipino rice  
Mashed potatoes  
Club spinach  
Cauliflower au gratin  
Green beans creole  
Cream gravy

**Saturday**

*Brunch: 10:30 a.m.  
to 1 p.m.*

Spanish soup  
Old fashioned bean soup  
Beef stew  
Roast turkey  
Long grain and wild rice  
Oven browned potatoes  
Peas with mushrooms  
Steamed carrots  
French fried okra  
Turkey gravy  
Cornbread dressing

*Supper: 3:30 to 6 p.m.*

Chicken jambalaya  
Chili mac  
Savory baked chicken  
Steamed rice  
Lyonnaise potatoes

Louisiana-style  
smothered squash  
Whole kernel corn  
Sweet and sour greens  
Brown gravy

**Sunday**

*Brunch: 10:30 a.m.  
to 1 p.m.*

Cream of potato soup  
French onion soup  
Chicken fried steak  
Onion lemon baked fish  
Grilled bratwurst  
Baked macaroni  
and cheese  
Mashed potatoes  
Lyonnaise green beans  
German sauerkraut  
Glazed carrots  
Cream gravy

*Supper: 3:30 to 6 p.m.*

Beef ravioli  
Golden fried fish  
Stir fry beef with  
broccoli  
Rissolle potatoes  
Orange rice  
Brussels sprouts  
Calico corn  
French fried okra  
Almost fat free gravy

**Monday**

*Lunch:*

Bean with bacon soup  
Chicken noodle soup  
Beef ball stroganoff  
Baked ham, tomato  
and macaroni  
Baked fish  
Steamed rice  
Mashed potatoes  
Calico corn  
Sliced carrots  
Brown gravy

*Snack Line Special:*

Sloppy joes

*Dinner: 3:45 to 6 p.m.*

Hamburger yakisoba  
Catfish fillets  
Turkey nuggets  
Mashed potatoes  
Vegetable stir fry  
Peas with mushrooms  
Green beans  
Turkey gravy  
Steamed rice  
Quick baked potato  
halves

**Tuesday**

*Lunch:*

New England clam  
chowder  
Vegetable soup  
Spaghetti with  
meat sauce  
Barbecued ham steak  
Ginger basted fish  
Mashed potatoes  
Steamed rice  
Savory baked beans  
Cauliflower  
Mixed vegetables  
Brown gravy  
Toasted garlic bread

*Snack Line Special:*  
Grilled turkey melt

*Dinner:*

Cheese manicotti  
Herb baked chicken  
Ginger pork  
Steamed rice  
Quick baked potato  
halves  
Lima beans  
Corn on the cob  
Stewed tomatoes  
Brown gravy

**Wednesday**

*Lunch:*

Tomato soup  
Beef barley soup  
Chicken fried steak  
Chipper pollack  
Baked chicken  
and noodles  
Mashed potatoes  
Rice pilaf  
Lyonnaise carrots  
Mixed vegetables  
Harvard beets  
Cream gravy

*Snack Line Special:*  
Corn dogs

*Dinner:*

Southern fried chicken  
Fish amandine  
Beef stew  
Rice  
Crispy potato wedges  
Bean combo  
Fried cabbage  
French fried cauliflower  
Chicken gravy

**Thursday**

*Lunch:*

Chicken noodle soup  
Cream of potato soup  
Brisket  
Fried catfish  
Chicken and dumplings  
Mashed potatoes  
French fried okra  
Green beans  
Corn on the cob  
Brown gravy  
Cornbread

*Snack Line Special:*  
Hot buffalo wings

*Dinner:*

Mongolian barbecue

Meal Time

Base Restaurant

Tinker Enlisted Club

<b>Today</b> <i>Entrees:</i> Fried fillet of fish, frito chili pie <i>Vegetables:</i> Broccoli, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, pinto beans and green beans <i>Dessert:</i> Strawberry cake and peach cobbler	mashed potatoes, pinto beans and green beans <i>Dessert:</i> Coconut cream pie and cherry cobbler	<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Entrees:</i> Salmon patties, corned beef with cabbage <i>Vegetables:</i> Macaroni and tomatoes, steamed spinach, mashed potatoes, pinto beans and green beans <i>Dessert:</i> Boston cream pie and peach cobbler	carrots, corn, mashed potatoes, pinto beans and green beans <i>Dessert:</i> Carrot cake and blackberry cobbler
<b>Monday</b> <i>Entrees:</i> Chopped beef casserole, veal parmesan <i>Vegetables:</i> Buttered carrots, brussels sprouts,	<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Entrees:</i> Chicken fried steak, sweet and sour pork with egg roll <i>Vegetables:</i> French fried okra, vegetable fried rice, mashed potatoes, pinto beans and green beans <i>Dessert:</i> Chocolate cake and apple cobbler	<b>Thursday</b> <i>Entrees:</i> Baked chicken, meat loaf <i>Vegetables:</i> Peas and	<b>Friday</b> <i>Entrees:</i> Fried fillet of fish, hot link with black-eyed peas <i>Vegetables:</i> Broccoli, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, pinto beans and green beans <i>Dessert:</i> Lemon chiffon cake and apple cobbler
<i>The above menus are served in the Base Restaurant Area C Cafeteria, Bldg. 3001; Pine Cupboard, Bldg. 3001, Post P-69 and Bldg. 2122, Snack Bar. Menus are subject to change. The Base Restaurant accepts Preferred Plus!</i>			

Tinker Officers’ Club

<i>The Tinker Officers’ Club accepts the Preferred Plus! card.</i>			
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	or lesser value, for half price.	
<b>Today</b> Land and sea buffet, \$5.45	<b>Today</b> Cattleman’s cut of prime rib, \$10.95; lobster tail, \$17.50 or both for \$26.95	<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Dining room is closed.</i> Bar menu is available. Mongolian barbecue March 27, \$10.95. Reservations are required.	
<b>Monday</b> Smorgasbord buffet, \$5.95	<b>Sunday</b> Seafood brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.50 for adults. Children 6 to 12 pay half price and 5 and under are free. Reservations are preferred.	<b>Wednesday</b> Beefeaters buffet, \$9 for singles or \$16 for couples	
<b>Tuesday</b> Italian pasta bar, \$5.95	<b>Monday</b> Choose an 8-ounce filet mignon, chicken dinner or Cajun blackened fish plate at regular price and receive the second plate, of equal	<b>Thursday</b> <i>Dining room is closed.</i> Bar menu is available.	
<b>Wednesday</b> Smorgasbord buffet, \$5.95		<b>Friday</b> Cattleman’s cut of prime rib, \$10.95; lobster tail, \$17.50 or both for \$26.95	
<b>Thursday</b> Louisiana-style Cajun buffet, \$5.95			
<b>Friday</b> Land and sea buffet, \$5.45			

<i>The Tinker Enlisted Club accepts the Preferred Plus! card.</i>	
<b>Lunch buffet</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Today</b> <i>Land and sea buffet:</i> Baked Icelandic cod fillets, fried catfish, grilled hot links and sliced inside round of beef, \$5.95	<i>Land and sea buffet:</i> Baked Icelandic cod, fried catfish, grilled hot links and sliced inside round of beef, \$5.95
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Breakfast buffet:</i> Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, creamed beef, biscuits, fruit, juice and more, \$5.45	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>Dining room closed</i>	<b>Today and Saturday</b> Prime rib and crab legs, \$15.95
<b>Monday</b> <i>Poor boy buffet:</i> Fried chicken, ham hocks, baked meat loaf, soup/salad, beverages and dessert, \$5.95	<b>Monday</b> Hot dogs, 25 cents each; chili, 75 cents a bowl and chili dogs 50 cents each from 4 p.m. until closing
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Mexican buffet:</i> Build your own tacos, beef/bean burritos, enchiladas, fajitas and more, \$5.95	<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Family Night:</i> All-you-can-eat pizza, pasta, corn dogs, chicken fin-gers and more. Cost is \$3.99 for adults and \$1.99 for children.
<b>Wednesday</b> International buffet, \$5.95	<b>Wednesday</b> Order from the “After Hours” grill menu.
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Southwestern barbecue:</i> Barbecued ribs, herb baked chicken, chicken fried steak, \$5.95	<b>Thursday</b> Two-for-one steak night for Preferred Plus! members only, \$11.75
	<b>Friday</b> Prime rib and crab legs, \$15.95



# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outdoor Recreation activities and services are open to all Department of Defense card holders: active duty military members and their dependents, retired military, reservists and civil service employees.

Costs for trips do not include tickets, money for souvenirs and other items. Call 734-2289 or 734-3162 to reserve a seat on the Outdoor Recreation tour van. Sign up early as space is limited.

Outdoor Recreation, located in Bldg. 5935, is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Receive a 10 percent discount on local tours, indoor rock climbing, FamCamp, RV storage, garden plots and picnic pavilions at Outdoor Recreation with the Preferred Plus! membership card.

**Instructors wanted:** If you are skilled in rappelling, backpacking, climbing, archery, water sports, bird-watching, stargazing or map and compass reading and would like to pass your knowledge on to others, call Outdoor Recreation at 734-3162.

**Rock climbing:** Outdoor Recreation holds beginning rock climbing classes in the climbing gym. The course introduces students to the proper use of a harness, ropes, belay techniques and knots and gives

pointers on basic rock climbing. Cost is \$10 per student.

## Tours

Call Outdoor Recreation at 734-2289 or 734-3162 for more information on the following tours.

- Snow skiing trip to Crested Butte, Colo., April 4 through 9.
- Weekend adventure to White Rock Mountain in Arkansas March 30, 31 and April 1. Stay in a cabin and rappel, climb and hike in the mountains. Cost is \$40 per person, which covers lodging, equipment, five meals and leadership. Registration deadline is March 27.
- Woolaroc Wildlife Refuge, March 31. Reservation deadline is March 27.
- Four-day backcountry ski clinic in Salida, Colo., April 6 through 9. Reservation deadline is March 27.
- Home and Garden Show, Stillwater, Okla., April 7. Reservation deadline is April 3.
- Fourteener climb in Salida, Colo., April 13 through 16. Reservation deadline is April 3.
- Watchable wildlife weekend in Kingston, Okla., April 7. Reservation deadline is April 3.
- Spring Garden Market in Tulsa April 14. Reservation deadline is April 10.
- Metal detecting excursion to Drumright, Okla., April 14. Reservation deadline is April 10.
- Rappelling adventure at the Wichita Mountains near Lawton, Okla., April 14. Reservation dead-

line is April 10.

- Peak skiing in Salida, Colo., April 20 through 22. Reservation deadline is April 10.
- Azalea Festival in Muskogee, Okla., April 21. Reservation deadline is April 17.
- Fishing tournament at Tinker April 21. Pre-registration is April 19.
- Groups of seven or more interested in going on a special personalized trip. Can call on Outdoor Recreation to plan it for them.
- Rock climbing, backpacking and hiking trip to Salida, Colo., April 27 through 30. Reservation deadline is April 17.

## EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT

Equipment Checkout winter hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

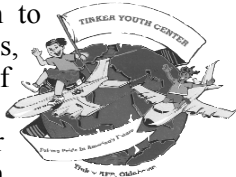
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Preferred Plus! members receive a 25 percent discount on equipment rental items when they show their Preferred Plus! member card.

To reserve rental items, call 734-2289/734-3162 or visit Equipment Checkout, located in Bldg. 5935.

## YOUTH CENTER

All youth activities are open to children of active duty, retirees, reservists and Department of Defense civilians. For more information, call 734-7866 or visit the youth center, located in Bldg. 5520.



### Youth events

Teen Grille every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

*Today* – Skate Night from 6 to 8 p.m. for youth 9 to 12 years old

*March 24* - T.R.A.I.L. horseback riding at noon

*March 26* - Neighborhood Nights Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Chefs of the evening will be Keystone Club.

*March 27* - Torch Club Craft Day at 4 p.m.

*March 28* - Beat the staff at your favorite game at 4 p.m.

*March 29* - Teen Grille at 3:30 p.m.

*March 30* - NIKE Club Relay Races at 4 p.m. Teen Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

*March 31* - Roller Hockey Tourney at 4 p.m.

*April 2 and 11* - Power Hour from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

*April 4* - Pilo-Polo Hockey from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

*April 5* - Ultimate journey from 4 to 5 p.m.

*April 6* - Skate Night from 6 to 8 p.m. For youth ages 9 to 12 years old.

*April 10* - Prom Planning Committee Meeting at 4 p.m.

*April 12* - Goals for Growth from 4 to 5 p.m.

*April 13* - Celebration Station from 5 to 10 p.m. For ages 9 and above. Cost is \$10.

*April 14* - Base-wide egg hunt at noon at the soccer field. Bring a basket.

### Classes

Tinker youth can sign up for classes in tap and ballet, tumbling, cheer, jazz, pom-pom and karate. Call 734-7866 for more information.

# MOVIES

The Base Theater is closed for construction until further notice. Construction is expected to be completed this summer.

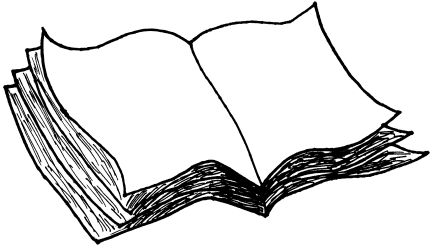
## TINKER LIBRARY

The base library, located in Bldg. 1046-D on Rapcon Road, is directly behind the Navy Shoppette complex and Vet Services facility, Bldg. 1133. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday. It is closed Sunday and holidays. For more information, call 734-2626.

March is "Return Borrowed Books" month.

### On the bookshelf Reference

- Peterson's Job Seekers Almanac
- The Best Hospitals in America by John W. Wright and Linda Sunshine



— The Family Encyclopedia of Health by Dr. R. Sharma

### Leased books

- "Unfinished Symphony" by V.C. Andrews
- "The Upstart" by Catherine Cookson
- "Jade Island" by Elizabeth Lowell

### Young people's materials

- "When Zachary Beavers Came to Town" by Kimberly Holt

"The Hallelujah Side" by Rhoda Huffey

"Lost and Found" by M. Jerry Weiss and Helen S. Weiss

### Musical compact discs

- "Finest Hour" by Quincy Jones
- "She Rides Wild Horses" by Kenny Rogers
- "Forever John" by John Denver

### Books on tape

- "The Hungry Ocean" by Linda Greenlaw
- "The Endurance" by Caroline Alexander
- "The Vanishing Men" by Martin Greenberg

### DVD movies

- "Oklahoma!"
- "The Boys from Brazil"
- "First Blood"

## TINKER CLUB NEWS

### Tinker Officers' Club

Officers' club activities and services are open to all Tinker Department of Defense card holders: active duty military and their dependents, retired military members and their dependents, reservists, GS-9 and above or equivalent and some DOD contractors.

For more information about officers' club reservations, events, Preferred Plus! and membership benefits, call 734-3418. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The officers' club is located in Bldg. 5603.

#### Entertainment

- The officers' club has scheduled:
- Play your favorite CDs in the bar tonight
- Santa Fe Band March 30
- Super social hour with club card drawing for progressive jackpot every Friday
- Bar bingo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cards for the \$500 jackpot are \$2 each or three for \$5.
- 75 cent draft beer, the Depot Special for \$1.25 and complimentary food from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

### Tinker Enlisted Club

Enlisted club activities and services are open to Tinker Department of Defense card holders: active duty military and their dependents, retired military



tors.

For information about enlisted club reservations, events, Preferred Plus! and membership benefits, call 734-3435.

#### Entertainment

The enlisted club has scheduled:

- R.J.'s Music Connection from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. tonight
- Old School Night from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. March 24
- Regular session bingo with early bird games beginning at 12:45 p.m. Sundays. Regular games begin at 1:30 p.m.
- \$1 domestic longnecks Mondays
- Family Night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays
- Karaoke and Big Beer Night from 5 p.m. to closing Wednesdays
- Free jukebox and pool tables from 5 p.m. to closing and 75 cent domestic drafts all day Thursdays
- Bar bingo and super social hour beginning at 5 p.m. Fridays

members and their dependents, reservists, GS-8 and below, WG-10 and below, WS-4 and below, WL-8 and below, NAF III and below, federal employees and some DOD contrac-

# Services seeks input

## Services Marketing

Tinker Air Force Base Services has a long history of dedicated service to Air Force personnel. Services programs are a critical part of the Air Force readiness equation. These programs contribute to readiness and productivity by promoting fitness, esprit de corps and quality of life for Air Force people and their families. The goal of the Services commander and staff at Tinker is to become the undisputed leaders in providing expertly managed and customer-driven programs, which deliver value and quality to their customers.

To accomplish this goal, Services needs your input. As a customer, you can provide important information needed to make programming decisions, plan marketing strategies and formulate both short and long-term goals. Your opportunity for input may appear in your mailbox during the next few weeks in the form of the Air Force Services Market Survey. If you are one randomly selected to receive a survey, you will be asked about your participation in on-base Services programs and activities and your patronage of off-base competitors. You will be asked to indicate how often and where you participate and specify improvements, which would increase your Services use.

The survey has been reviewed and approved for distribution by the Air Force Personnel Survey Branch at the Air Force Personnel Center. Its survey control number is USAF SCN 00-25.

Take the time to fill out and return the survey. Ask spouses and children for input in areas that apply to their participation in Services activities. Help the Services staff make a difference in the programs they offer to the Tinker Services community.

If you have any questions, contact Cathy Clark, Services Marketing representative, at 734-2077.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon

The inaugural Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon will take place April 29, starting and finishing at the Oklahoma City National Memorial. The marathon staff need hundreds of volunteers to help make the marathon a success.

Volunteers are needed before, during and after the race. Between now and race day, volunteers will handle administrative tasks, prepare runners’ packets and “goody bags,” help with registration and work at the Health and Fitness Expo April 26-29. On race day, workers are needed on the course, at the start and finish lines and to help with the Kid’s Marathon. After the race, volunteers will help finalize, post and distribute the results and wrap up all of the other administrative details. No experience is required. Training sessions will be held for special tasks as needed.

If you’d like to help out, contact Howard and Susie Carey, volunteer coordinators, at 793-8189 or by e-mail at hcarey825@aol.com; Tinker coordinators Capt. Kevin Payne at 734-7480 or kevin.payne@tinker.af.mil or Tech. Sgt. Tony Robinson at 734-5147 or george.robinson@tinker.af.mil; or Ross Lampert, military/veterans coordinator, at 478-3180 or okcrunmilvets@aol.com.

### Tutor training workshop

The Literacy Link needs volunteers to teach adults in eastern Oklahoma County to read. No teaching experience is required; tutors need only to be able to read, write and have a desire to help others.

A tutor training workshop will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. March 26 and 29 in the Midwest City Public Library Small Conference Room. Participants must attend both workshops (six hours of training) to become a certified tutor. There is no cost to attend the workshops or for the materials that will be provided.

To register for the workshop, or to get more information on the Literacy Link, call 732-2737 or stop by the office located in the Midwest City Public Library, 8143 E. Reno.

### Special Olympics

Today is the last day to volunteer to assist with the Capitol Hill Area Special Olympics Field and Track Event to be held April 12 at Carl Albert Junior High, 2515 S. Post Road. For more information, call Charlotte Teeter at 799-6318.

# CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

The chapel is located in Bldg. 5701. For information concerning activities listed below, call 734-2111.

### Catholic

*Lent:* Each Wednesday during Lent, there will be a communion service at 11 a.m. in the F.C. Wilkerson Conference Room. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. today, March 30 and April 6 in the Howard Conference Room. Good Friday services will be held at 11 a.m. April 13 in the Howard Conference Room.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence, not eating meat or meat products, is also observed every Friday of Lent. Fast days are days on which solid food may not be taken between meals, meals are meatless and the smaller meals combined are not to equal the size of the main meal of the day. Lenten lunches will be held on each Friday during Lent after noon mass. Donations of soup, a snack or dessert would be appreciated. Call Bertha Becker at 732-1465 about donations. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

*Baptismal class:* Any parent wishing to have a child baptized at the chapel must attend the Baptismal Preparation Class, offered the first Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. following the 12:30 mass. This class is required when you have your first child baptized and does not need to be repeated for any additional children.

*Interested in Catholicism?* Anyone interested in the Catholic faith is welcome. There are no strings attached to joining. If you find this is not what you are searching for, you are free to discontinue. If you know someone who is interested, invite them to join. Better yet, bring them to meet us.

If you are an adult Catholic who never made your confirmation, the Military Archdiocese has given permission for you to become part of the RCIA process and be confirmed at Easter Vigil. The group meets Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Religious Education Bldg., Room 32. For more information, call

Barbara Campbell at 734-4328.

*Tour of the Shrines of Italy:* Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council 5396 will sponsor a 10-day tour to Italy Sept. 21-30. Cost of the tour is \$2,625 per person and includes round-trip air, first class hotels, four nights in Rome, two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo, two nights in Assisi, travel insurance, A/C bus with English speaking guide, daily breakfast and dinners. Deposit is \$300 per person with final payment due by July 9. Early booking discount is available. For reservations and brochures, call John Tagnesi at 947-7171 or toll free 1-888-544-4461.

### Protestant

*Parish planning session:* The Protestant Parish Planning Session for the 2001-2002 year will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 21 at the Cattleman’s Restaurant. Lunch will be provided. All council members and organizational leaders are required to attend.

*Singles ministry:* All singles are invited to a new singles ministry at 7 p.m. every Monday evening in the Fellowship Hall at the chapel. Call Chaplain Capt. Matthew Boarts at 734-8024 for more information.

*Parish Council meeting:* The next Protestant Parish Council meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. April 4 in the Tinker Officers’ Club Ivory Lounge. All organization leaders are required to attend. All interested parish community members are invited to attend.

*Protestant Men of the Chapel:* The next PMOC Promise Keepers potluck dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. March 26 in the R.E. Bldg., Room 32. Chaplain Earl Sprague will be the guest speaker.

### Ecumenical

*Lighthouse Movement:* The Tinker Area Lighthouse Movement Web page can be accessed at www.lighthousemovement.com. Visit the site and sign up to become a “lighthouse” in your community.

Those without Web access who want to sign up, or those who need additional information, can call Bob Devonshire at 390-9718 or Rick Chaples at 579-7421.

## Tinker Chapel Schedule

### PROTESTANT

- Worship Service** - 8 a.m. (Formal)
- Worship Service** - 11 a.m. (Informal)
- Worship Service** - 2 p.m. (Gospel)
- Communion** - First Sunday of month
- Sunday School** - 9:30 a.m. Sunday (September through May), R.E. Bldg.
- Fellowship Sunday** - 9 a.m. and noon, third Sunday
- Ladies Bible Study** - 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., every Tuesday (September through June), R.E. Bldg., Rooms 28 and 29
- Protestant Women of the Chapel** - Day meeting, noon, every second Friday in the Fellowship Center; evening meeting, 6:30 p.m., meeting place varies with program. Call 734-2111 for more information.
- Protestant Men of the Chapel (Promise Keepers)** - Fourth Monday potluck at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center
- Kids For Christ (KFC)** - (4th-6th Grade), 7 p.m., every Wednesday (September through May), R.E. Bldg., Rooms 13 and 14
- Teens Reaching Up To Heaven (TRUTH)** - 7th-12th Grades, 7 p.m. every Wednesday (September through July), R.E. Bldg., Rooms 21 and 23
- Sonshine Choir Practice** - age 3 to 6th grade, 5:45 p.m., every Wednesday, (September through May), sanctuary
- Chancel Choir Practice** - 7 p.m., every Wednesday, sanctuary
- Protestant Community Council** - 11:30 a.m., first Wednesday of every month
- Counseling** - Call the chapel at 734-2111 if you wish to discuss spiritual or personal concerns confidentially with any

- chaplain. Appointments are encouraged, but are not mandatory.
- Baptism** - Contact the chapel office at 734-2111.
- Intercessory Prayer Group** - 6 p.m. every Sunday at the chapel
- ECUMENICAL**
- Bereavement Support Group** - 7 p.m., Tuesdays, R.E. Bldg., Room 32
- Retirees of the Chapel** - 6 p.m., second Sunday of every month, Fellowship Center
- Chapel Weddings** - If you want to be married at the Base Chapel, you must attend a wedding briefing held at 3:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of every month. This must be done four months prior to the wedding. Counseling for both prospective bride and groom is required if you are to be married by a chaplain.
- Child Care** - Child care is available during worship, mass, Sunday school and CCD at the Child Development Center. Registration is required prior to first use at the Child Development Center. The chapel pays only for child care, not the registration.
- Promise Keepers Bible Study** - 7 p.m., every Monday, R.E. Bldg., Room 32 (September through May)

### JEWISH

- B’nai Israel Temple** - 848-0965
- Point of contact is Rabbi Albert Packman.
- Emmanuel Synagogue** - 528-2113
- Point of contact is Rabbi Richard Marcovitz.

### ORTHODOX

- St. Thomas Malankara Orthodox Church** - 787-4456

### CATHOLIC

- Communion Service** - noon, Monday through Thursday
- Daily Mass** - noon, Friday only
- Confessions** - 4 p.m., Saturday or by appointment
- Saturday Mass** - 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass** - 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- CCD** - 11 a.m., Sunday (September through May)
- Youth Ministry** - 6 p.m., Sunday (September through May)
- Adult Discussion Class** - 11 a.m.
- RCIA** - 7 p.m., Thursday
- Catholic Women of the Chapel** - 10 a.m., first Friday of every month
- Catholic Men of the Chapel** - 11 a.m., last Sunday of every month
- Rosary Prayer Group** - 7 p.m., Friday
- Ladies Rosary Guild** - 10 a.m., Thursday
- Pre-Baptism Class** - 1:30 p.m., first Sunday of the month
- Choir Rehearsals** - 7 p.m. Tuesday for 12:30 Mass and 7 p.m. Thursday for 9:30 Mass
- Catholic Community Council** - 7 p.m., first Monday each month

### ISLAM

- Islam Study** - 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, R.E. Bldg.
- Islamic Service** - 1:30 p.m., every Friday, R.E. Bldg., Room 32
- Islamic Center of Norman** - 364-6606
- Point of contact is Mohamed Muneer at 732-7068 or 736-5871.

### BUDDHIST

- Vien Giac Buddhist Temple** - 424-0264

## “Cute Kid” contest

The Services Division has a “Cute Kid of the Month” contest. All children up to 14 years old of retirees and Tinker personnel, except 72nd Services employees, are eligible. Only pictures of children having a birthday in the following month may be submitted. Submissions must be received by the 15th of each month.

Photos should be mailed to: 72nd Services Marketing Division “CUTE KID” CONTEST 6120 Arnold Street Tinker AFB, OK 73145 Print the child’s name, age, date of birth, parents’ names, home address, work phone number and home phone number on a separate sheet of paper. One photo per entry is allowed.

Professional photos will not be accepted. Photographs become the property of the 72nd Services Marketing Division and will not be returned. Photos will be judged by the Services Marketing staff. These photos will not be used for any other publicity or marketing purposes. The winner will be selected and notified by the Services Marketing Division. Nonwinners will not be notified.



**Tinker  
Take Off**

# Time Off

Section A

Friday, March 23, 2001

## Championship Wrestling coming to Tinker

### Services Marketing

The 72nd Services Division is bringing International Championship Wrestling to Tinker April 6.

Wrestling fans will want to make sure they get their ticket to this event. Many well-known names in wrestling will be on hand in competition bringing an exhilarating and heart thumping event. The competi-

tion will be just as spectacular as anything seen on television.

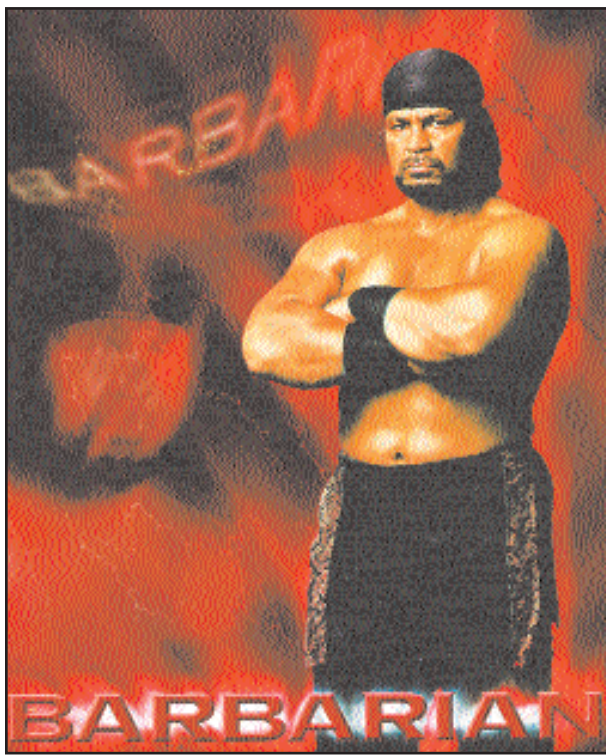
Some of the greatest wrestlers ever will be on hand including Rock-n-Roll Express, Public Enemy, Viscera, The Barbarian, Lady Venum, Mask Malisha, Tiger Mask, John Saxon, Kid America, Rip Steele, Kevin Northcutt and Doink the Clown. These wrestlers are coming from all over the United States to bring Tinker an awesome show.

The show will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 230, Dock 2. Tickets are \$8 per person and available at ITT, Youth Center, The Gift Corner in Bldg. 3001, all fitness centers and the Skills Development Center.

Seating is limited, so get tickets now. International Championship Wrestling is brought to you by the 72nd Services Division. For more information, call 734-6435.



Viscera



The Barbarian



Doink the Clown

## Preferred Plus! cardholders reap benefits

### Services Marketing

Every club member who ate at the Tinker Officers' Club during lunchtime March 12 received a 50 percent discount on their ticket. This will happen twice a month at both the officers' and enlisted clubs between now and the end of April. Discount days will be held on Monday, but the specific day will not be announced until lunchtime of that day.

This is just one of the Preferred Plus! perks cardholders receive by being a club member. Right now, anyone who signs up for new membership will receive 2.9 percent annual percentage rate for six months.

Many of the members who received a half price lunch shared a great joy in the program and expressed that one would never receive anything like this off base. Stop by one of the clubs and join today, or call the Preferred Plus! coordinator at 734-6435.



Air Force photo

Maj. Craig Macleod, 552nd Training Squadron, enjoys one of the Preferred Plus! perks by receiving half off his lunch ticket at the officers' club.





Photo by Master Sgt. John Snow

### Final flight

Airmen from the 86th Airlift Wing Honor Guard and soldiers from the Army’s 37th Transportation Command prepare to carry the remains of the six people killed in the March 12 bombing accident in Kuwait. Ramstein Air Base, Germany, held a fallen soldier ceremony March 15 for the victims.

# Chief...

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Combat Command’s Training Support Squadron.

Rowley graduated from Marina High School in San Leandro, Calif. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1979 as a munitions systems specialist. Following Desert Storm, Rowley retrained into the Airborne Command and Control System Specialist career field.

**Chief Master Sgt. Robert D. Spinks** is a member of the stat staff for the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

Spinks is a graduate of Oakpart High School in Laurel, Miss. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1964 and served in Vietnam until his discharge in 1966. In 1976, he enlisted in the Oklahoma Air National Guard as a security specialist.

In addition to his position in the Guard, Spinks is a teacher at Douglas High School in Oklahoma City.

**Chief Master Sgt. Richard E. Williams** is a team chief for the KC-135 A-Team, 507th ARW.

He is a graduate of South High School in Wichita, Kan. Williams entered the Air Force in June 1966 as a jet engine mechanic. In 1988, he became a traditional reservist and assumed his present position in February 2000.

**Honorary Chief Inductee and retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jack Hollister** graduated from high school at age 17 and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in September 1942 as an aircraft mechanic.

After distinguished service in World War II, Hollister continued to work in aircraft maintenance until his retirement in 1962. Upon retiring, he became immersed in supporting and building the Air Force Sergeants Association into the operation it is today.

Hollister’s induction into the Tinker Chiefs’ Group was cited as a tribute to his substantial contributions to the welfare of enlisted professionals. His concern for the enlisted force and love of country, embodied the very best in today’s chief master sergeants.

The honorary chief passed away March 16 at age 76. (See related story page 20)

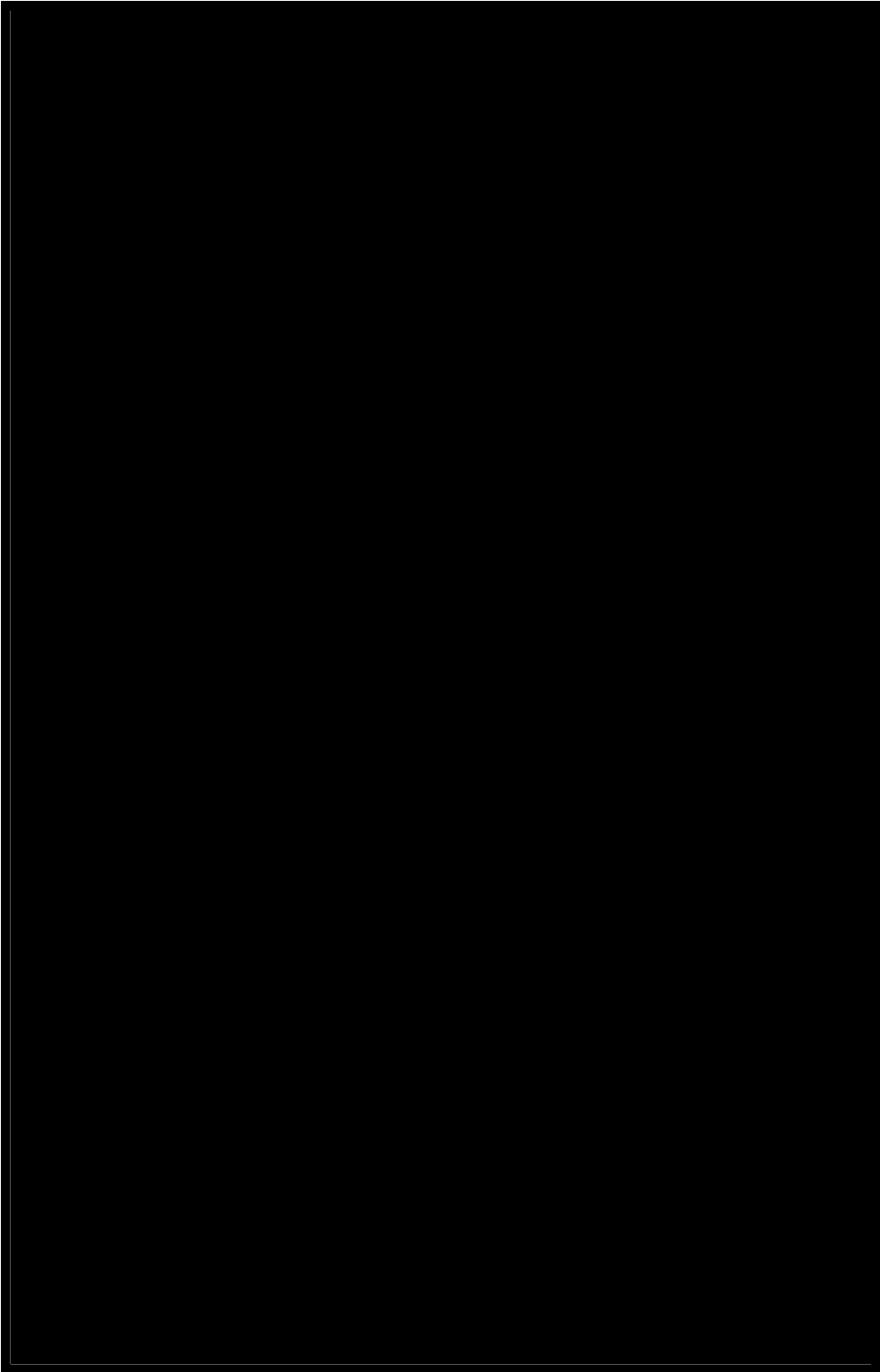
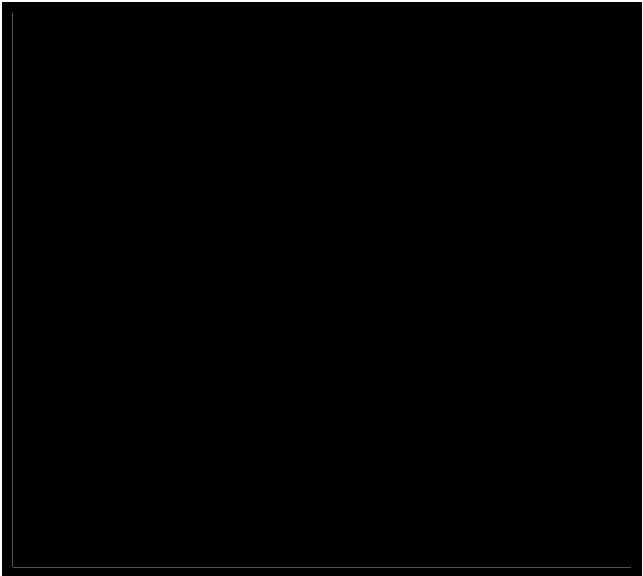
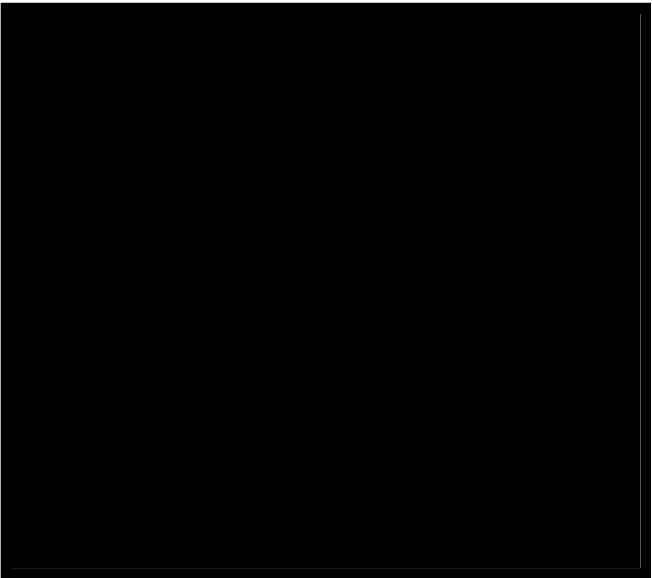
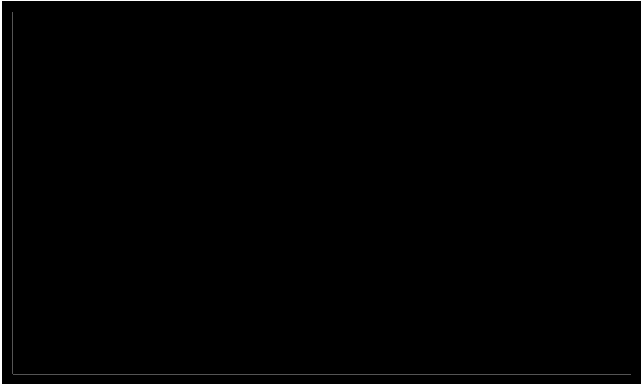
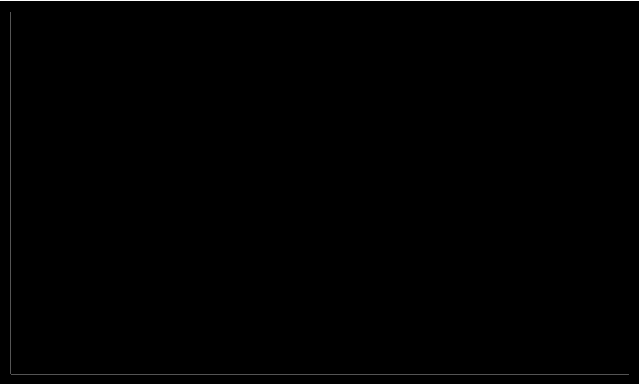
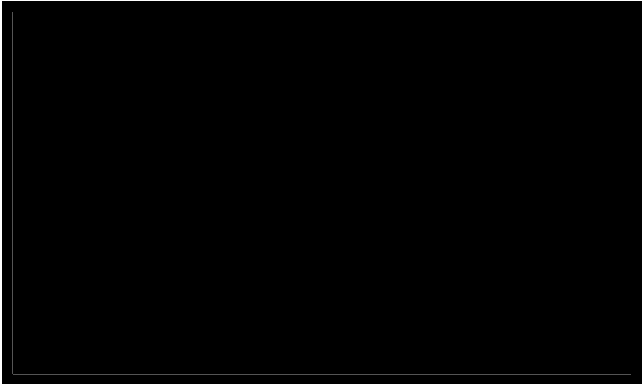
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# Can You Spare Some Leave?

*The following are approved for the Leave Transfer Program. To donate, call the point of contact.*

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# Honorary chief dies

John (Jack) Hollister passed away March 16 at age 76, but the mark he left won't soon be forgotten.

Because of his actions during and after his military career, Hollister was made an honorary chief in the Tinker Chiefs' Group during the annual induction ceremony last month.

Hollister joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 at the age of 17 and became an aircraft mechanic working on P-47 and B-17 aircraft. After completing gunnery school, he deployed to England with the 388th Bomb Group Heavy, 562nd Squadron where he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross on his fourth mission for actions over Liege, Belgium.

He received the Purple Heart Citation after flying 28 combat missions and being wounded in action over Mantz, France, in July 1944. Hollister was also awarded the Occupation Medal for the



John (Jack) Hollister

Berlin Airlift, the Air Medal with one silver and two bronze clusters and a Citation from Queen Wilhiema of Denmark for rescuing people from floods in Denmark and the Netherlands.

After World War II, Hollister continued to work in various aircraft maintenance-related fields until his retirement in 1962 as a technical sergeant.

Hollister then immersed himself in the Air Force Sergeants Association where he spent 27 years working to increase membership and improve programs.

Through his leadership, AFSA collected and distributed more than \$12,000 to personnel affected by the May 3, 1999, tornado in Oklahoma City and the surrounding area.

Hollister was interred at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, near Nashville, March 20.

Check out the Tinker Take Off online at:

www.tinker.af.mil/pa



# Going My Way

To place or delete a Going My Way ad, call Amy Schiess at 739-5780. These ads will run on a "space available" basis.

### Riders wanted

- From the Bethel area to Bldg. 3001 on the 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift. Call Rex at 598-2960.

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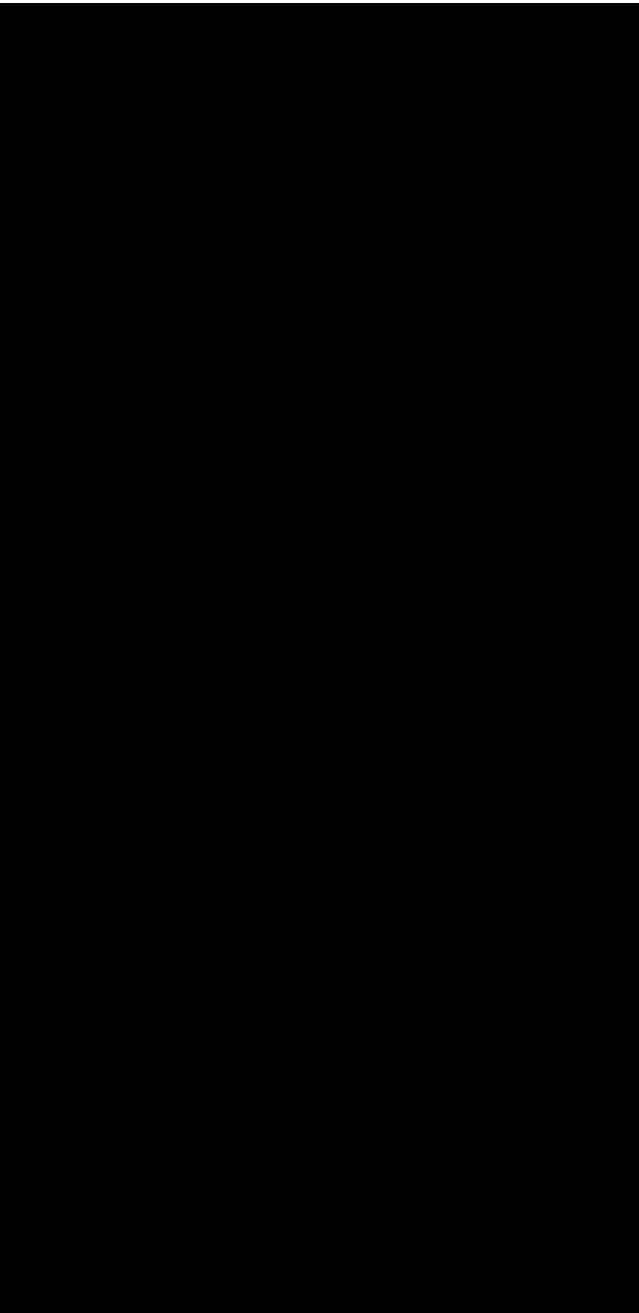
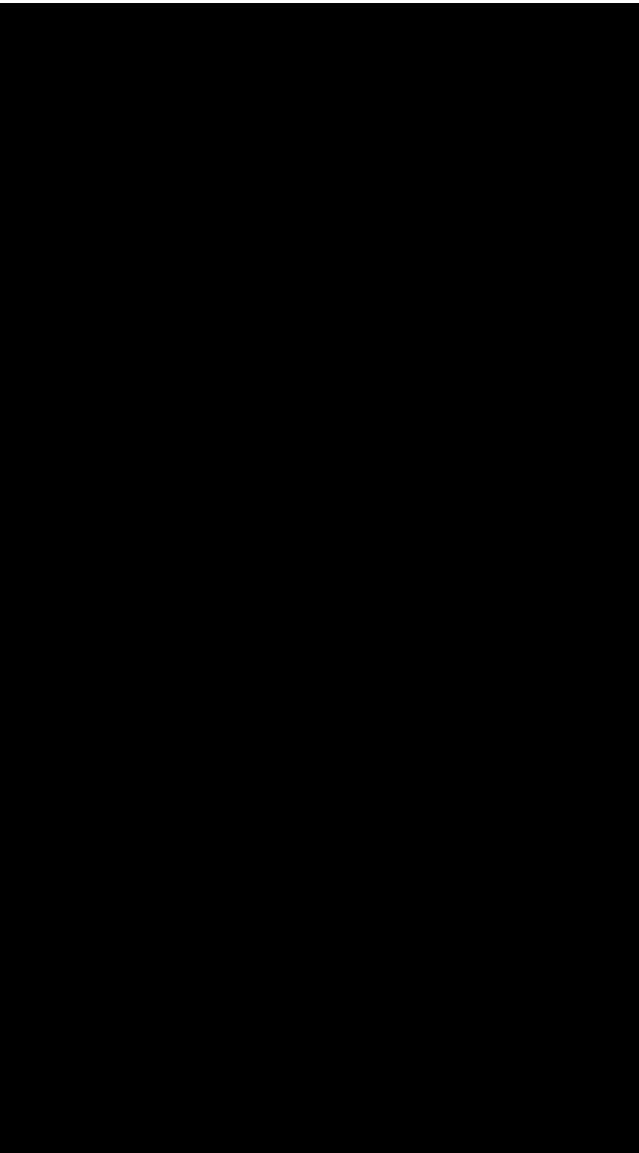
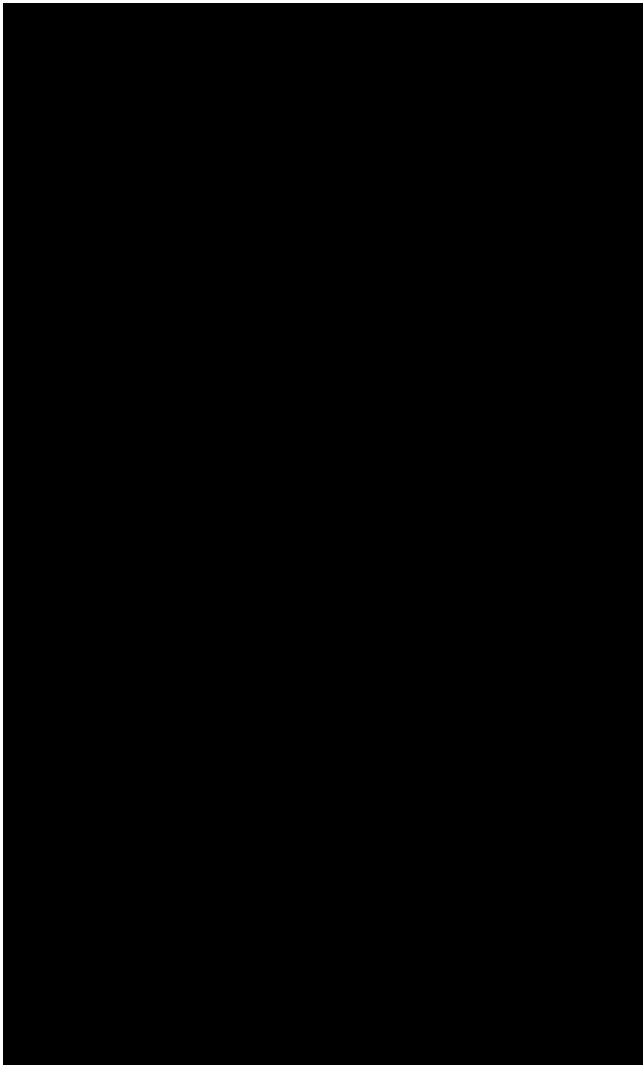
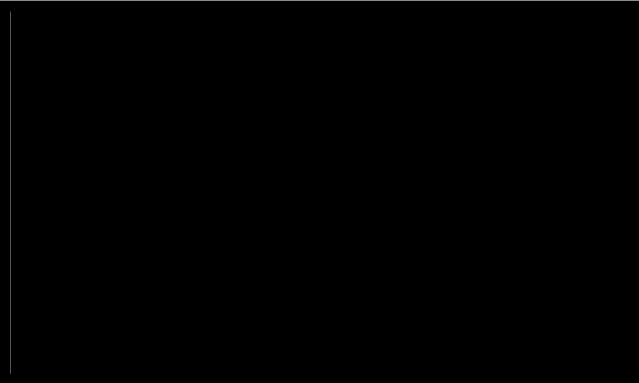
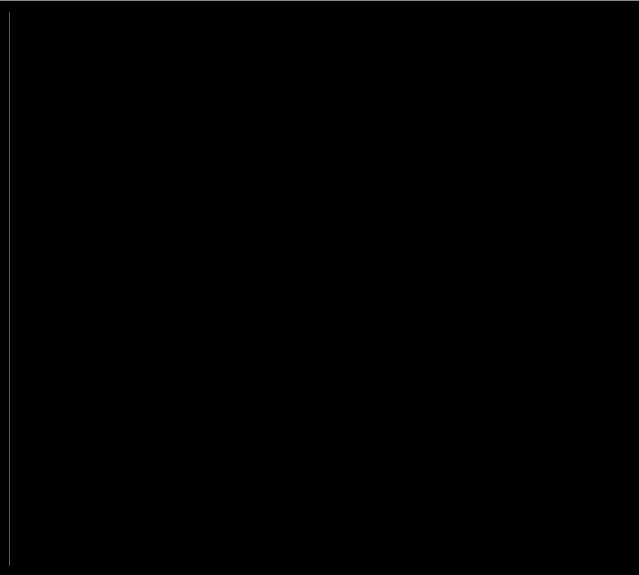
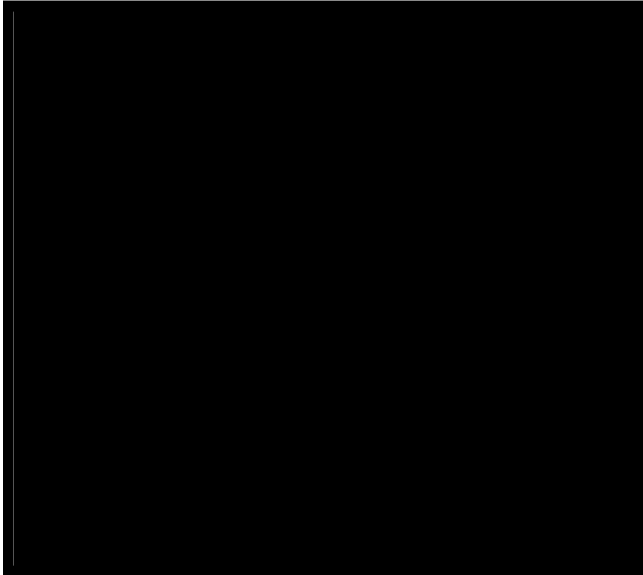
- From S.E. 15th and Santa Fe in Moore to main entrance of Bldg. 3001 on the 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift. Call Ron at 794-0814.
- From Shawnee to Bldg. 2121 on the 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift. Call Jeff at 273-1069 or 736-7152.
- Need ride or car pool from 12th and Boyd in Norman to northwest end of Bldg. 3001 on the 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift. Call Eric at 321-1864. Leave message.

- From Moore, near Eastern and 23rd, to Bldg. 3001 on the 6:45 a.m. shift. Visually handicapped and can't drive. Call Mark at 736-2187.

- From Shawnee, near Independence Street and Interstate 77 to Area A, Bldg. 3 on the 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift. Call Jenny at 736-3771 or 214-7868.

### Car pool

- From McLoud or Dale roads and Interstate 40 to the south end of Bldg. 3001 on the 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift. Call Donita at 736-4261. Would like to alternate drivers.
- From S. 44th and Council to Bldg. 3001 on the 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift. Hours are flexible. Call Jessica at 736-7604.





# 72nd Air Base Wing Commander's Excellence Awards

As an evaluator on warfare agents for the first ever military and civilian terrorism exercise, **Staff Sgt. Duane Roe**, 72nd Medical Group, quickly became the base expert. He evaluated facility decontamination procedures and protocol of the local emergency response agencies and provided recommendations vital to ensure the operating capabilities and survival rate of all personnel. He implemented three separate Radio Frequency Radiation Safety Awareness Training Programs, educated more than 80 workers about proper safety measures and ensured complete safety and 100 percent compliance. Roe also developed the Disaster Training schedule for fiscal 2001 for the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight. His efforts will ensure flight receives top-notch training. While deployed with the 72nd Air Base Wing to evaluate the quality of potable water sources, he revealed water contamination and his quick action kept 160 troops healthy and enhanced mission success.



**Don Lott** is an extremely knowledgeable person, who is instrumental in the safe and efficient operation of Tinker's airfield. His guidance is instrumental in running base operations. Lott coordinated for extensive ramp repairs in the Bird Cage and coordinated the repositioning of E-3 aircraft to the Romeo Ramp to maintain the flying mission. He has also coordinated with Navy Strategic Communications Wing ONE to conduct repairs on their taxiway and the relocation of their E-6 aircraft. Lott briefs airfield maintenance and status and provides flightline driving program updates during every Airfield Operations Board. He enhanced the flightline driving program by increasing monthly inspection on units and produced a new flightline driving instructional video. Base operations customer satisfaction ratings are consistently high as a result of his efforts. Lott has been the primary liaison with the contractors and the Corps of Engineering for the runway project.

# IMAs...

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Midwest and Oklahoma Cities’ fire departments and medical staffs,” said Maj. Rick Horn, exercise project officer. “We also use the Oklahoma State Department of Energy any time we do a Safe Haven exercise to provide security for Class A weapons on base.”

Planning an exercise involving what could be hundreds of players means a game plan is needed. “We have a systematic plan that stipulates that 60 days out from an exercise start date, we send a letter signed by the IG requesting that all the organizations’ exercise evaluation team members come to a 30-day out meeting,” said Horn.

Between the notice and the meeting, each team comes up with the specific objectives they want to accomplish. They also need to come up with criteria to evaluate their organization and provide the control staff with instructions about when things start and end, how many people will play and what realism they want involved. “They also prepare a master scenario event listing, which describes in writing the time things will be implemented, the description of the scenario and how things will unfold,” said Horn.

All organizations are invited to participate in any exercise. A Threatcon exercise, on the other hand, affects the whole base and everyone has to participate. “If it’s an exercise that doesn’t necessarily involve the participation of certain agencies, they may decline,” Horn said. “However, [Tinker Installation Commander Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II] encourages maximum participation in all exercises.”

Although everyone is encouraged to participate in

the readiness exercises, the general understands that, in many cases, it’s not practical to stop all production, said Horn. “But even though they don’t participate in the wartime readiness exercises, they should all participate or be aware of where to go and what to do in the case of a natural disaster,” he said.

“We also do spot checks where we ask people where their shelter would be, what would they do – training is still emphasized,” said Walker. “Especially on safety issues, the most likely thing to happen would be weather-related and we want to make sure people are prepared.”

The IG staff can’t possibly be everywhere before, during and after the readiness exercises, so they request that all commanders from all organizations – tenant, contractors, military – appoint a cognizant, professional, knowledgeable person from their organization as an exercise evaluator. “At the end of the exercise, we go to them for their observations, findings and areas for improvement,” said Horn. “They’re the experts and can detect if things are going right or wrong and they feed that information to us, and we present a critique to the general.”

According to Horn, out of all the varied aspects of their jobs, actually seeing the plan come together dur-

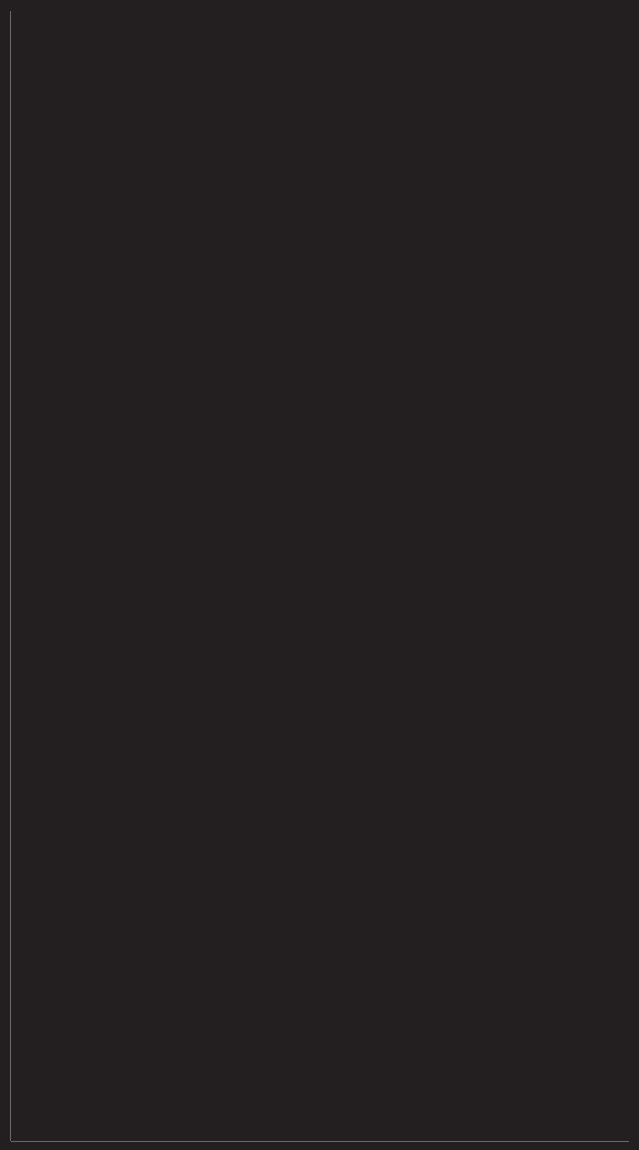
ing exercises, everyone responding, active participation and coordination happening is the most impressive facet. “Knowing that in spite of all the homework behind the scenes, that when this all comes together [the work force] and Tinker will be ready to respond,” said Walker.

“This base has undergone two real world disasters where they came together in a really impressive, powerful team of manpower and materiel at the site of both the [Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building] bombing in 1995 and the 1999 tornado,” said Horn. “I know what Tinker can do when the chips are down and I’m not worried about anything. Oklahomans are tough people because we’re used to hard times, and we have super emergency response teams.”

“The IMA program plays a vital role in the accomplishment of the Air Force Mission,” commented Col.

Richard Hutchins, Inspector General. “In today’s shrinking active duty rolls, IMAs have taken on an increased role in every aspect of the Air Force. The Inspector General’s office could not accomplish the complex task of evaluating readiness without IMA support.”

*(For more information on IMA recruiting, see page 14)*





# Hackers...

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technology and an ever-increasing number of computer whizzes, Tinker’s work force needs to work hard at being secure. “Hackers will try to exploit vulnerabilities in operating systems, which can be prevented by keeping up with the latest approved software and patches,” said Fralish.

“It is everyone’s responsibility to be as security conscience as possible,” added Lt. Col. Steven Hailes, commander, 72nd Communications Squadron. “Do not install new software on your system or attach equip-

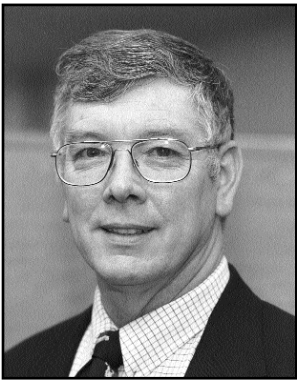
ment to the network without approval.

“Viruses can cause great damage to our operations, so ensure your antivirus software is set up to scan all files everyday with the latest signature files. Our job over the next month is to plug the 10,000 vulnerabilities identified and prepare for the next attack.”

Real hackers can range from disgruntled employees, amateur hackers, script kiddies and hacker groups all the way up to foreign intelligence services. The AFIWC Red Team will be back within a year.

## Employee of the Month

**Jim Vassar** is a logistics management specialist in the Modification Management Division of the C/KC-135 System Program Office. He is responsible for managing the C/KC-135 rewire program. The rewire effort is accomplished during programmed depot maintenance and Vassar is responsible for budgeting, procuring, tracking schedules, status and cost. He performs materiel management functions for 350 stock numbers and 60 different kits. He works closely with other directorates to resolve manufacturing issues and monitors local manufacture schedules to ensure assets are available to meet the PDM schedule. In addition, Vassar has maintained focus on the -135 mission while dealing with higher headquarters policy changes. Pressing for further policy review, he ensured \$3.5 million of fiscal 2001 program funding for Phase II and III tanker and Phase I KC-135D requirements would be available avoiding a one- to two-year delay in completion of his program.



# Winners...

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the re-hosting of old Unit Under Test software programs to Automatic Test Equipment software.

*Support Award:* **George L. Childers**, Technical Services Section, determined that with proper training and tools, many of the leaking aileron actuators used on all F-15 aircraft could be repaired by the users, avoiding depot repair.

*Gen. James Ferguson Engineering Award:* **Willie Hughes III**, Systems Engineering Branch, is program manager for the development of the Advanced Topcoat system. Under his leadership, progress has been made solving key low observable materials issues of cure time, shelf life, durability and cost, leading issues affecting B-2 Mission Capable Rate and cost of ownership.

*Gen. Bernard P. Randolph Engineering Team Award:* **John Visina**, chief, Tool Crib Process Management Re-engineering Team, and team members Jennifer Bond, Terry Holland, Renee Laube and LaTonya Vence recommended changes to quickly fill almost 3,000 backlog orders. Their analysis resulted in a new facility layout and

design that improved efficiency.

*Capt. Roland R. Obenland Engineering Award:* The accomplishments of **2nd Lt. Ricardo A. Diaz**, Avionics Section, include innovative efforts for combining the B-1B and B-2 test equipment programs, aggressive management of B-1 Avionics requirements and notification to field users of a life threatening shock hazard.

*National Society of Professional Engineers Federal Engineer of the Year Award:* **Calvin L. Underwood**, E-4/C-18/T-43 Engineering Branch, led the installation of communications upgrades to the National Airborne Operations Center aircraft, providing urgently needed worldwide connectivity. He also spearheaded a crucial safety analysis of the in-flight refueling system and developed an upgrade plan for the NAOC satellite communications laboratory.

*Value Engineering Achievement Award, Installation Category:* The **10th Flight Test Squadron** supported three depot operations around the command, planned and executed numerous developmental tests, prepared for the transi-

tion to the AF Reserve Command and supported system program directors with operational expertise. 1st Lt. Randall Boersma was recognized for the Military Tester of the Year Award.

*AFMC Safety Engineer of the Year Award:* As lead safety engineer for TI, **Susan L. Ledford**, Facility Engineering

Design Branch, manages all internal safety programs while also serving as the lead safety engineer for several center-wide safety programs and industrial area safety teams. Her strong leadership has led to a center-wide decline in employee injury rates over the past several years.

# Engineering...

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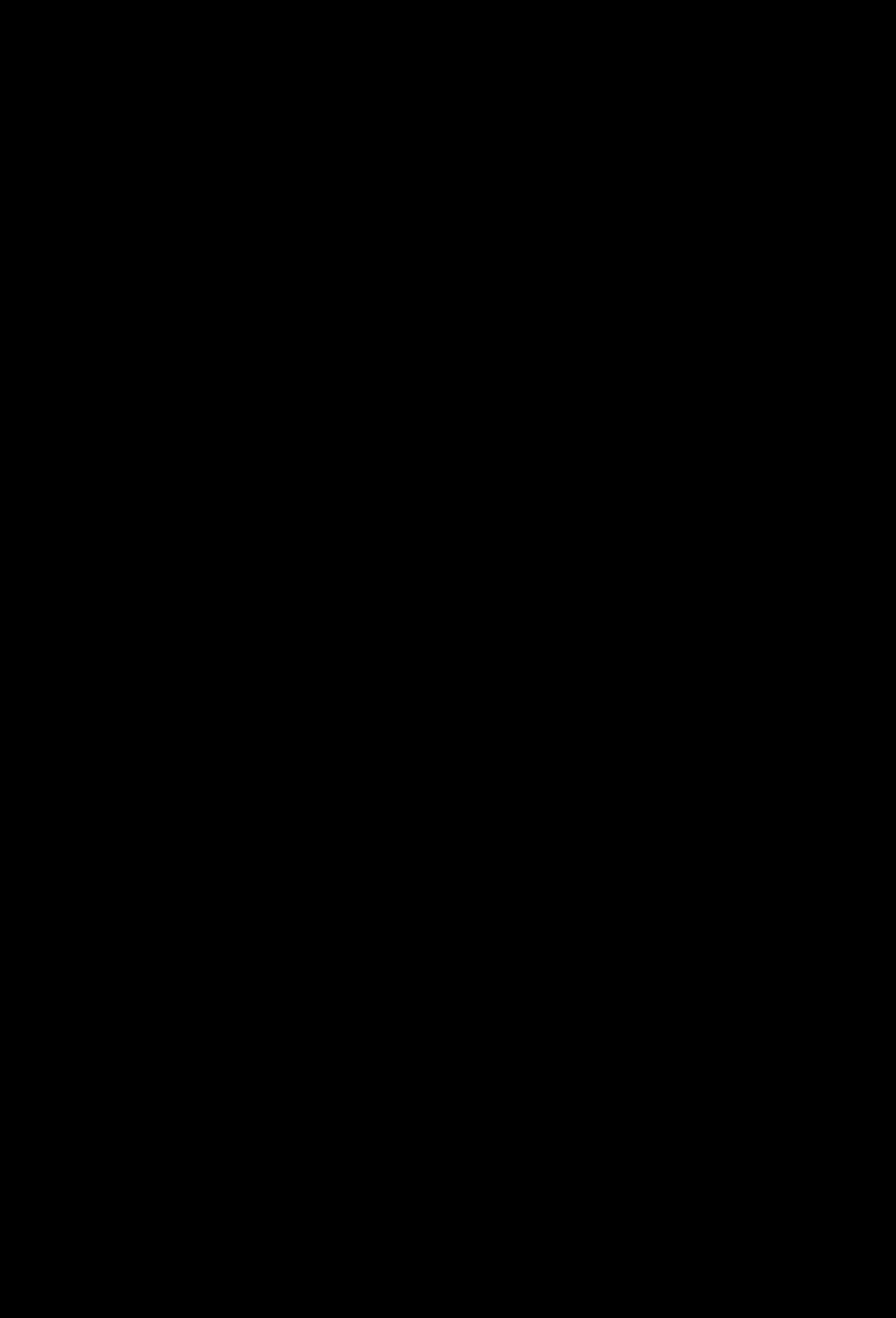
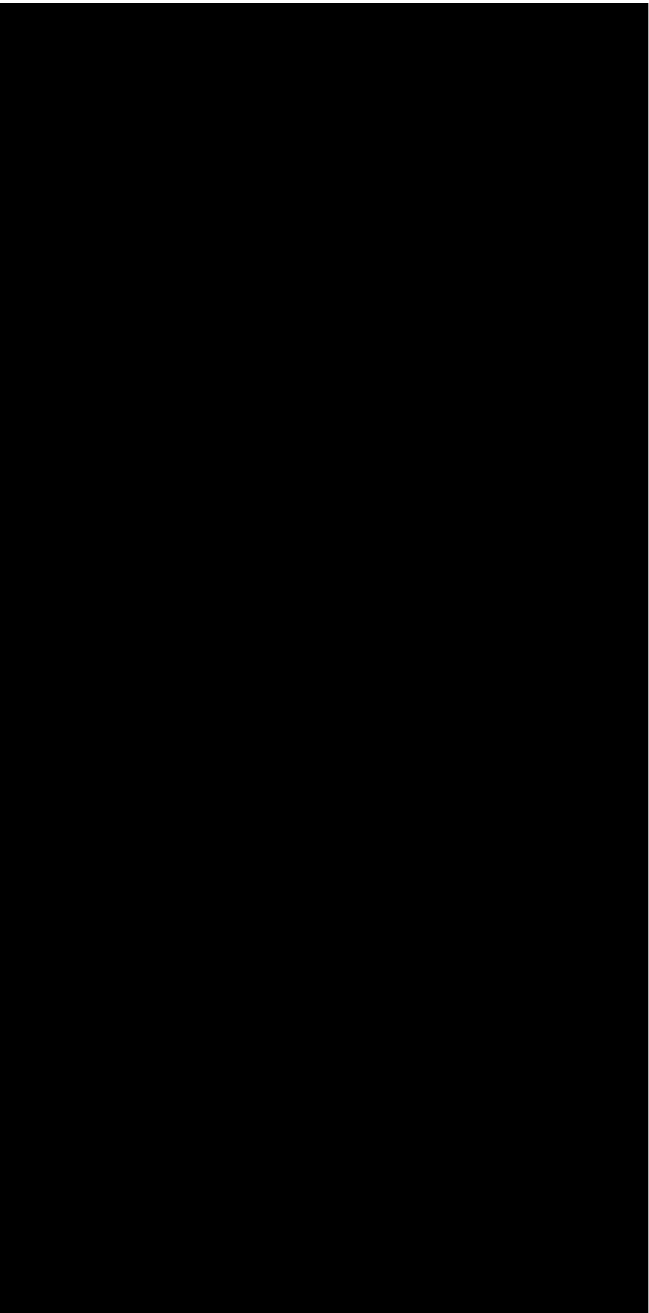
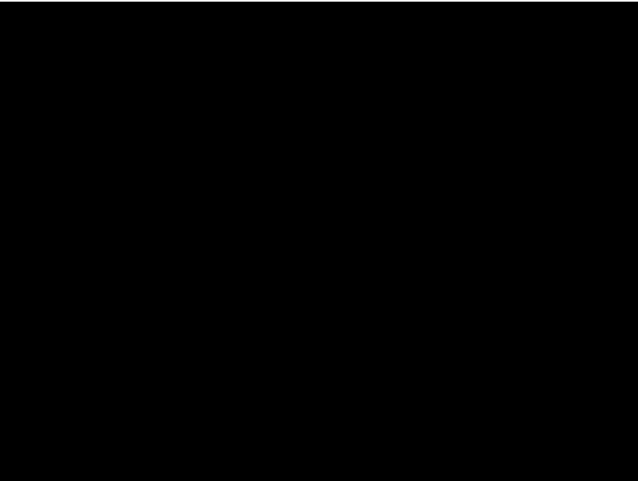
Integrity Program eddy current, state-of-the-art engine test evaluation and vibration analysis and rotor balancing for optimum performance.

Environmental Management Directorate engineers identified, developed and validated an alternative to chemical stripping. With close cooperation from the Airborne Accessories Directorate, C/KC-135, B-52, E-3 and environmental engineers, a low-cost, drop-in replacement was identified, tested and validated. The replacement stripper reduces emissions by 85 percent and

will return a cost savings of \$30,000 per year.

Technology Insertion Branch engineers assisted the E-3 engineering organization in developing a fiberglass cover for an oxygen storage box. National Center for Manufacturing Sciences will build prototype parts using the center's model file.

Center engineers continuously strive to improve quality and productivity to remain competitive with industry and ultimately provide the best support to the warfighter.





# Take Note...

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kick-off luncheon, static displays and luau. Tinker team members interested in helping with the planning for May’s activities, contact Master Sgt. Rick Colina, 734-2616 or Van Choat, 734-8763.”

### American GI Forum of Oklahoma

The Women’s Group of the American GI Forum, in commemoration of National Women’s History Month invites everyone to celebrate “Latin Women in the 21st Century.” The celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 31 at the Tinker Officers’ Club. Guest speaker will be Yolanda Charney, founder of the Hispanic-American Foundation in Tulsa. Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP by March 28 by calling 713-2296 or 732-5895.

### Wing Tips on the Web

The Wing Tips employee newsletter is now posted on the home page of the Civilian Personnel Office. Employees may access the newsletter by going to [www.tinker.af.mil/dpcweb](http://www.tinker.af.mil/dpcweb). Simply click on Wing Tips to view the newsletter.

This edition of Wing Tips has articles on the Priority Placement Program, commonly referred to as the Stopper Program, the Merit Promotion Program and the provisions of the new public law covering the Thrift Saving Plan.

It is permissible for organizations or employees to print copies of the newsletter.

### Strategic direction

The Chaplain Service is interested in all of their internal and external customers understanding their strategic direction. In order to further this interest, they will be making the entire strategic plan, and a support-

ing powerpoint presentation, available on their Web page. Check their page periodically for this new information. Those who don’t have Web access can go to the chapel office and the staff will provide them with a hard copy.

### Undergraduate Flying Training

The next Undergraduate Flying Training board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center June 26. This selection board will review applications for pilot, navigator and air battle management training. Those officers with a date of birth after Jan. 1, 1972, and a total active commissioning federal service date after Jan. 1, 1997, will be eligible to apply for UFT. Applicants must send the completed application, post-marked by May 1, to Headquarters AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733.

Applicants should advise commanders/supervisors providing AF Form 215 comments of the application deadline. Those applicants requiring a new physical exam must schedule the appropriate physical immediately. Applications without complete physical exams will not be processed. All applicants competing for pilot training must also complete the basic attributes test. For more information on application procedures, contact the base formal training element at 739-5534.

### Federally Employed Women’s luncheon

The Federally Employed Women are celebrating National Women’s History Month. This year’s theme is “Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision.” There will be a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. March 27 in the Tinker Officers’ Club ballroom. The guest speaker will be

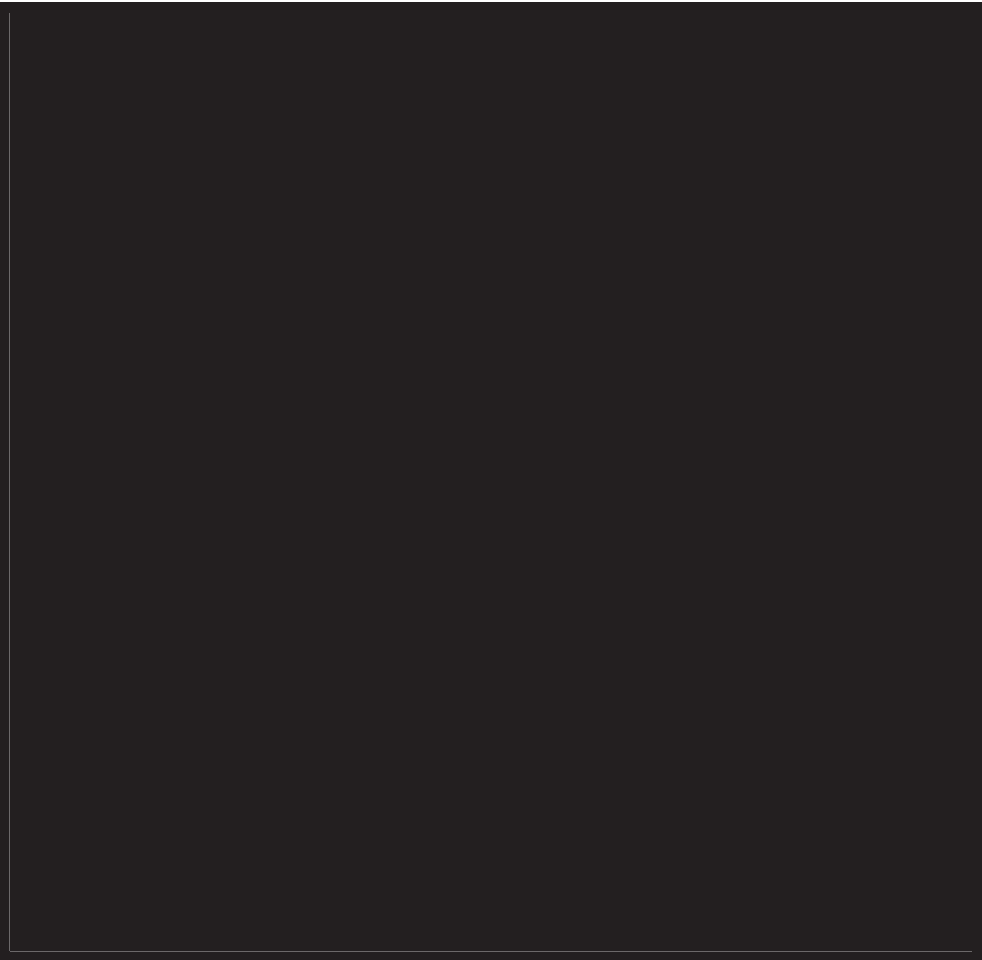
Blanche Washington, University of Central Oklahoma. To purchase a ticket, contact Tamara Brandt at 736-7969, LaTina Devaughn at 736-2748, Debbie Miller at 734-8714, Jo Smith at 736-4506, Melda Smith at 736-5882, Rhonda Trent at 734-8772, Lori Tullos at 736-2968, Marilyn Porter at 736-4213, Roberta Swanegan at 739-7287, Lois Edwards at 736-2153, Sharon Ham at 734-2492 or Betty Warren at 739-3457.

### Essay contest

The deadline for the Tinker Management Association’s “Why I Like My Job” essay contest is April 6. Entries should be no longer than 500 words. They can be typed or handwritten and should express why you like your job at Tinker Air Force Base. Entries will be judged on originality, sincerity, creativity and a positive attitude. Entries may be e-mailed to Nicole Robie. Call Robie at 736-3084 if the entry will not reach her by April 6. Winners will receive a check from TMA for the purchase of a savings bond. First place receives the purchase price for a \$100 savings bond, second place the price of a \$75 bond and third, the price of a \$50 savings bond.

### Back pay available

Employees who performed sanding or painting in the TF33 Quick Engine Change Repair Shops and were required to wear protective clothing and equipment including full-body coveralls, gloves, head cover, foot cover and a full face fresh air respirator during February 1993 to Jan. 16, 1999, are qualified for Environmental Differential Pay back pay. Any qualifying employees who have not previously signed a back pay settlement agreement should call Herbert Garrett at 736-3615.



# TAKE NOTE

### IMA Reserve Program

The Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program is new to many, but has been in existence since 1947. The IMA Reserve Program is one of the best-kept secrets in the Air Force today and is by far the most flexible.

IMA reservists, have some flexibility as to when they want to perform their duty and work out their schedule with the active duty supervisor. The IMA requirements may be less than unit reserves. Most IMAs do 12 inactive duty training days a year plus a 12-day active duty tour. IMA duty is performed during the week, Monday through Friday, except for career fields that work shifts such as security forces.

Even though IMA reservists have flexibility and perform less duty, they have the same benefits as the active force, with the exception of medical coverage.

To view IMA vacancies online, go to the Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.arpc.org/arpc.htm> and click on Assignments. If you are interested in applying or just want additional information on the IMA program, contact Master Sgt. Wendy Lloyd-Patton at DSN 339-4955 or commercial (405) 739-4955.

### Foreign Object Damage poster contest

The annual foreign object damage poster contest begins today and runs through May 11. All military and civil-

ian Tinker Air Force Base employees are eligible to enter the contest. The purpose of the contest is to increase awareness of the damage foreign objects can cause to aircraft engines.

The winning entries will be announced at the end of May. The first-place winner in this base-wide contest will receive a day off and the second-place winner will receive half a day off. Entries must be employee's original ideas and can be drawn by hand or computer generated.

Those interested in trying their hand at poster design must have their entries submitted to 72nd OSS/OSAM by May 11 in Bldg. 240, Room 221. Entries must be submitted on 8 1/2-by-11 inch paper with the entrant's name, organization routing symbol and telephone extension plainly written on the back of the poster.

Each person will be limited to two entries. The submissions must be in good taste and in the best interest of the Air Force.

For more information, call 734-5328.

### Closed for inventory

The Base Service Center will be closed for inventory March 30 through April 2. Anyone who needs emergency assistance should contact Tom Clark at 739-2108/2100.

### Officers' Spouses Organization scholarships

The Tinker Officer's Spouses' Organization is now accepting applica-

tions for college scholarships. Applications are available to high school seniors who are dependents of U.S. military members of all ranks.

Applicants must be graduating from a high school in the greater Oklahoma City area and plan to be a full-time student at an accredited college or university in the academic year 2001-2002. See applications for specific eligibility and qualification requirements.

Applications are also available to spouses of U.S. military members of all ranks. Spouse applicants must also be planning to attend college as a full-time student and be pursuing their first undergraduate degree. There are other eligibility and qualification requirements explained with the application.

Applications for high school seniors will be available at area high schools. Applications for spouses and high school seniors may also be picked up at the Tinker Officers' Club, Tinker Enlisted Club, the Thrift Shop on base, the base education office and the USPA & IRA office in Midwest City.

Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than March 24. Applications may be dropped off at the Tinker Officers' Club, but must be received on or before 3 p.m. March 27.

### Scheduled closures

The following closures are scheduled at Tinker Air Force Base.

#### Road and parking lot closures:

— Road east of Bldg. 224 closed

through 7 a.m. April 15

— B Avenue from Arnold Street to First Street from 7 a.m. March 24 to 7 a.m. April 21

— East side of Bldg. 2280 drive and parking will be closed through 7 a.m. April 19

— Parallel parking east and south of Bldg. 283

### Miller to retire

Maxine Miller, Base Restaurant production manager, will retire March 30 after 31 years of service. Miller has worked in all aspects of the restaurant, including the general manager position. A come-and-go reception will be held March 29 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Oklahoma Room.



Maxine Miller

### Asian Pacific Islander American Month

The month of May marks the national observance of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The Tinker Asian Pacific Islander committee has started planning activities to promote cultural awareness. These activities include a

*See Take Note page 15.*



# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## Children join work force for day

**Darren D. Heusel**  
Staff Writer

Kristen Wereszynski, 8, and her brother Josh, 10, were like two kids in a candy store March 16. The children attend Cross Timbers Elementary School in Edmond, but on this day they chose to spend

a portion of their spring break hanging out with their mom at the base clinic during Tinker Air Force Base's first-ever "take your daughter/mother to work" day. One of these mothers is Lt. Col. Virginia Wereszynski, 72nd Medical Group deputy commander and mother to Kristen and Josh. "This is an opportunity to show the children that

their parents are doing something worthwhile at work that keeps them away from being home," said Wereszynski, who also serves as 72nd Medical Support Squadron commander and clinic administrator. "I want my kids to be in a position to say they're proud of what I do and that they know that I'm at least contributing to society in some way since I'm not at home with them."

So, is it working? "I come here lots of times to see my mom," Kristen said. "Actually, either we just come to visit my mom or we bring her dinner and that kind of stuff." "I go whenever she goes," said Josh, laughing and pointing to his sister. "What I do isn't a very interesting thing for them to watch," Wereszynski said. "I do a lot of paperwork, give talks and solve people's problems. It's not very interesting, so when they come here to visit, I take them around and show them the clinic and try to give them an idea of what I do. It's not very exciting to watch."

Josh doesn't necessary agree. "It's fun to watch her do her signature," he quipped. The local program was modeled after the national program and was established to coincide with Women's History Month, according to event coordinator Marilyn Porter, an industrial engineer technician with the Engine Production Division.

"This day is set aside to give daughters and mothers a close look at the jobs we perform every day," said Porter, who noted the theme for this year's program was "Women of Courage and Vision."

"The hope is to empower girls as they grow to adulthood to careers of their choice. The young girls will see not only men in high positions, but women as well."

The day began with visitors being treated to breakfast at the officers' club, enlisted club and the base restaurant. The visitors then spent most of the day shadowing their host and observing them in action.



Air Force photo by Margo Wright

**E-mail holds an interest for Lt. Col. Virginia Wereszynski's two children Kristen, 8, and Josh, 10, who spent a recent day with their mom at her job as the commander of the 72nd Medical Support Squadron.**

## At ease mom: A mother salutes her daughter with pride

**Laura McGowan**  
82nd Training Wing Public Affairs  
Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

A mother typically hopes she gets to see the positive impact she has had on her child's career choices.

A mother often spends her time wondering if she did the right thing in refusing to let her teen pierce her tongue or belly button. She hopes her child will not be significantly damaged because she said "no" to the pair of \$175 Air Jordans with the shiny swoosh on the side that glows in the dark.

Then there is the mom who has a career and a family. She might feel guilty that her job takes her away from her children, but she knows that she is doing what is best for her family.

Chief Master Sgt. Darlene Culver, Air Force Reserve Command's training liaison at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, may not have experienced all of the extremes mentioned, but she knows firsthand what it is like to rear children while maintaining a successful Air Force career — mostly as a single parent.

Culver knows what it is like to get her will in order and discuss it with her children, just in case the unmentionable happens. She knows what it is like to leave them with relatives because duty called her to Bosnia and Southwest Asia.

People might wonder if a mother could be that committed to a career with-

out adversely affecting the family. Apparently a mother can, because Culver's daughter, Jaimie, not only felt an overwhelming pride for her mother and her mother's career, she also decided to have a career in the Air Force herself.

Jaimie said she enjoyed "seeing [her] mother in her uniform, and seeing what she did and how it made her feel when she did such a good job and was recognized for it."

"She was serving her country," Jaime said. "She never complained. She loved it so much. I went to the base with her a lot of the time, and I loved it. I knew that I wanted to be a part of that."

So much so that Jaimie was commissioned a second lieutenant Dec. 15, through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of North Texas in Denton.

When Darlene was asked if she tried to influence her daughter's decision to go into the Air Force, she said "No." Darlene felt her daughter had to make up her own mind because the military is not for every woman.

During Jaimie's commissioning process, there were times that both mother and daughter wondered if she would make it past a couple of glitches. Jaimie did. And she is as proud to wear her uniform as her mother is to wear her's.

Jaimie kidded her mom about having to salute her, and her mom said she would proudly salute her, but Jaimie had better have the traditional silver dollar

readily available to present to the first person who saluted her.

After Darlene pinned her daughter at the commissioning ceremony, she saluted her daughter, and they both were lost

in a moment of pride and emotion. This duo seems to inspire each other. Mom can be at ease now, knowing she did well by her child, her country and herself.



Air Force photo by Margo Wright

### Healthy history

**Maj. Donna Miller, a health care integrator with the 72nd Medical Group, touches up one of seven displays across base honoring women pioneers in health care and offering information on women's health issues during the observance of Women's History Month.**



# With spring comes potential for severe weather

Darren D. Heusel  
Staff Writer

Spring has sprung and with it comes the potential for severe weather.

Oklahomans know Mother Nature’s fury all too well, and Tinker Air Force Base is certainly no exception. Therefore, base safety officials urge everyone to take certain precautions whenever severe weather approaches this storm season.

Mark Gross, safety specialist with the Tinker Base Safety Office, said the best thing Oklahomans can do whenever severe weather strikes is know where their storm shelters are and develop a plan for getting to them quickly.

He also recommended picking up a weather radio to monitor the situation. Most of all, he said, “Heed the warnings, have a disaster plan in place, have an emergency supply of materials on hand and don’t drive into a thunderstorm.”

To help heighten awareness, base officials conducted a War Wagon exercise in February dealing with natural disasters, in particular, a tornado. The results of that exercise, according to Gross, were extremely positive.

“One of the things emergency crews from off base were impressed with was the realism of the exercise,” he said. “They said we conducted the best exercise they had been to this year. Our training was so good, in fact, the Midwest City fire chief wants us to duplicate it for his department and the Del City Fire Department later this year.

“The only drawback to the exercise was the weather. The funny thing about Oklahoma is if you don’t like the weather, stick around for 30 minutes and it’ll change. During the War Wagon exercise, the temperature dropped 20 degrees and it turned foggy.”

Tinker isn’t a stranger to severe weather. In 1948, two separate tornadoes ripped through the base March 20 and 25, causing millions of dollars in damage to planes, automobiles, buildings and other property.

In the mid ‘80s, a major hailstorm struck the base and on May 3, 1999, what is believed to be the largest tornado ever recorded skirted the west side of the base, damaging the perimeter fence, dorm buildings, automobiles and a gate.

At Tinker, Gross said there are three levels of tornado warnings. The first is an “advisory,” which means a tornado has been observed within 25 nautical miles of



the base. The second is a “watch,” indicating conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. The third is a “warning,” which means a tornado has been sighted or spotted on radar.

Tornadoes develop during severe thunderstorms, which affect relatively small areas when compared with other natural disasters. Despite their small size, however, some can be severe. Thunderstorms can produce lightning, which accounts for an average of 93 deaths and 300 injuries a year.

They can also produce heavy rains that can lead to flash flooding and nearly 140 fatalities each year. Strong winds of more than 100 mph are also possible, as is hail, which causes nearly \$1 billion in damage to property and crops annually.

During a tornado, nature’s most violent storm, winds can exceed 300 mph and result in an average of 80 deaths and 1,500 injuries each year.

Most tornadoes occur between March and September, but they can strike at any time, day or night. Tornadoes occur in many parts of the world and in all 50 states, but no area in the world is more favorable to their formation than the plains and Gulf Coast of the United States, also known as “Tornado Alley.”

The best preparation for a tornado is to know where

the nearest shelter is and develop a family disaster plan. If no shelter is available, go to an interior wall or closet. If outdoors, get inside or lie in a ditch or low-lying area. Do not stay in a mobile home or trailer and do not drive.

Tinker personnel can find out where their on-base storm shelter is by contacting the disaster preparedness representative within their organization. Additional information on all natural disasters can be found in the Disaster Preparedness Operations Plan, Plan 32-1, Annex B.

Once a tornado passes, keep tuned to radio and television networks to ensure all is clear. Occasionally, more than one tornado will develop during a violent storm.

It is also important to have disaster supplies on hand such as drinking water, food, blankets, flashlight, radio, first aid kit, can opener, batteries, essential medicines, cash, credit cards and sturdy shoes.

It is also important to develop an emergency communication plan in case family members are separated from one another.

“One of the good things to come out of the May 3, 1999, tornado, if you want to call it that, is that we were able to build eight-man shelters near every gate,” Gross said. “I think the lessons learned from that tornado have carried over to our planning for today.”

## Safety specialist recalls May 3, 1999 tornado

Darren D. Heusel  
Staff Writer

The May 3, 1999, tornado was unique in that it appeared to have taken a direct turn to the north to avoid hitting Tinker Air Force Base squarely.

Mark Gross, safety specialist with the Tinker Base Safety Office, remembers that day as if it happened yesterday.

“I was sponsoring my son and about 50 of his classmates from

Christian Heritage on their senior trip to Boston,” he recalled. “They all lived in the Moore, Midwest City, Del City area. We had just come back from the opera and we were waiting on the subway.

“They had television monitors in the subway and they were tuned to CNN. The CNN guy comes on and says, ‘We now take you to Moore, Oklahoma, scene of the devastation...’ The kids’ mouths just dropped. The news anchor said a devastating tornado just ripped through the area and the kids

became panic-stricken.”

Gross said he tried to ease their worries by telling the students there have been tornadoes before and some weren’t that bad.

“I told them to stay calm and once we get back to the hotel they could call home,” he said. “When we got back to the hotel, many of the kids called home to find their homes had been completely destroyed. Several of the kids had to graduate in borrowed clothing, because they had lost virtually everything.”

### The Fujita scale

- F-0** – 40-72 mph winds, chimney damage, tree branches broken;
- F-1** – 73-112 mph winds, mobile homes pushed off foundation or overturned;
- F-2** – 113-157 mph winds, considerable damage, mobile homes demolished, trees uprooted;
- F-3** – 158-205 mph winds, roofs and walls torn down, trains overturned, cars thrown;
- F-4** – 207-260 mph winds, well-constructed walls leveled; and
- F-5** – 261-318 mph winds, homes lifted off foundation and carried considerable distances, autos thrown as far as 100 meters (Believed to be the size of the May 3, 1999 tornado).

## Bldg. 3001 tornado shelters

- LA
- TI
- LI
- PA
- FM
- XP
- LP
- PK
- DPC
- LG



Flagpole entrance



# Tinker celebrates 50th National Engineering Week

## Technology and Industrial Support Directorate

The 50th anniversary of National Engineering Week concluded with the 7th Annual Engineering and Technical Management awards luncheon March 8 at the Tinker Officers’ Club.

The banquet honored Tinker’s engineering force and acknowledged individual and team technical contributions and accomplishments.

With 967, Tinker employs more engineers than any other organization in the state.

Twenty-five military engineers support the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center workload and the 10th Flight Test Squadron’s Center Test Authority, which provides oversight for all center test and evaluation programs.

The squadron led an air staff-directed tiger team to examine the C-135 flight control system after a series of malfunctions. The team conducted a thorough examination to determine the most cost effective solutions.

The Software Division is the largest group of engi-

neers at Tinker. The weapon systems affected by the software developed and sustained include the A-10, B-1B, B-2, B-52, C141, C-5B, E-3, KC-135, F-15 and F-16 aircraft. LAS also handles software for the Conventional Air Launched Cruise Missiles, Advanced Cruise Missiles, Air Launched Cruise Missiles and 12 jet engines. LAS also provides support to E-3B and E-3C software for the Airborne Warning and Control System.

The Contractor Logistics Support Directorate manages aircraft from Air Force One, a Boeing 747, to single-seat gliders used at the Air Force Academy. With this diversity comes many engineering challenges for cost effective modifications and upgrades.

They have designed, installed and tested a new state-of-the-art distinguished visitor interior for the supreme allied commander Europe C-9A. CLS engineers obtained data and received an Air Force waiver to the Federal Aviation Administration certification to operate C-9A aircraft at 110,000 pounds maximum takeoff gross weight.

The resourcefulness of CLS engineers was highlighted by the challenge of bringing two EC-18 aircraft out of storage, updating all maintenance and reconfiguring them to E-3 trainer aircraft.

The E-3 Engineering Branch provides technical assistance to depot maintenance personnel to resolve problems. E-3 engineering, in cooperation with Boeing, streamlined the Air Force Materiel Command Form 202 process through the Aircraft Information Routing Web Air Vehicle Engineering program.

This Web-based tool resulted in improved visibility and quicker response times using continuous route tracking and e-mail notifications.

Each major directorate within the depot maintenance community has specialized production support engineering offices. In the Propulsion Production Division, engineers have added the F100 workload and qualify repairs and processes such as the Engine Structural

## Engineering winners recognized

### Technology and Industrial Support Directorate

Winners of Air Force Materiel Command Engineering and Technical Management awards were recognized at the 7th Annual E&TM Awards Luncheon March 8 at the Tinker Officers’ Club.

*Junior Engineer Award:* **Michael R. Reinert**, KC-10/C-9 Engineering Branch, led a team of government and contractor personnel to identify a more cost effective alternative for a Federal Aviation Administration-mandated replacement of KC-10 thermo-acoustic insulation blankets.

*Senior Engineer Award:* **David A. Schley**, Facilities Engineering Section, provided engineering support for the B-1B facility hydraulic system, which improved aircraft production, support equipment, infrastructure, production processes

and personnel safety.

*Chief Engineer Award:* **Michael T. Pickard**, Engineering Branch, was recognized for his leadership role in improving global command and control of all high frequency-equipped aircraft.

*Technical Management Award:* **Thomas A. Letendre**, Projects Branch, managed contract logistics support for 14 high frequency global communications system stations.

*Technical Management Leadership Award:* **Edwin W. Kincaid**, Technology Insertion Branch, was recognized for his integrated data environment knowledge and accomplishments. He is a major player in assisting all weapon systems to obtain or to manufacture critical parts quicker.

*Technical Management Team Award:* **Jay Roberts**, chief of the High Frequency Global Communications Lights Out Modification Team, and team mem-

bers, Kelly Wyatt, Tom Letendre, Jeff Johnston and Gina Johnson from ASA/Fuels, HFGCS and Boeing Guidance Repair Center Section, planned, developed, installed and programmed for system implementation from cradle to grave.

*Engineering Technician Award:* **Thomas A. Hand**, Aircraft Management Directorate, developed the concept and design for tanker trailer conversions by creating mobile blast fences as a flexible solution. This provided additional ramp locations for performing aircraft engine run operations.

*Career Achievement Award:* **Fred L. Jones**, Avionics Engineering Section, has worked numerous Test Program Sets, finalizing the successful B-1B Fast Overhaul/Concentration on Updating Software and managing

See Winners page 16.

See Engineering page 16.



# Driving under the influence comes with price

**Gail Kulhavy**  
*Staff Writer*

Getting caught driving under the influence has new penalties for active duty first-time offenders. These penalties will be over and above those imposed by the local cities and counties, according to base officials.

The current public laws state that the perpetrator’s driver’s license is suspended for six months after they appear in court and they are fined up to \$700.

“If you then petition the court for a temporary license, you will have to lease and install a breathalyzer interlock devise on your vehicle for the duration of your sentence, along with the monthly security checks,” said Rick Crespo, chief, Traffic Safety. After all these trials and tribulations, the on-base program

will kick in.

“In essence, what it comes down to is that after the individual has paid his fines and has had his driver’s license suspended for the required six months, he or she will be ordered to perform this program before he or she can reapply for the license,” he said.

The rules to the new program are designed to make the individual aware of the ramifications of over-indulging in alcoholic beverages and then driving under the influence.

1. A two-hour stay at the local emergency room assigned to a staff member so perpetrators can get a first-hand look at what their actions can lead to.

2. A two-hour stay at a rehabilitation hospital, again assigned to a staff member while they are performing their duties.

- 3. Attend a victim’s impact panel for two hours.
- 4. Attend a drug and alcohol education seminar.
- 5. Attend a three-hour “Reality Check Program” in the Oklahoma County jail sponsored by the sheriff.
- 6. Attend a two-hour session with a staff member at the local detox center, cleaning the place or doing janitorial duties.
- 7. Write a 1,000-word essay on what this whole process has meant to the member.

“The bottom line is that the program is designed to help individuals learn about all sides to the drinking issue,” said Crespo. “At the same time, commanders will play a more active role in this learning process because the individual’s commander will be expected to pay for this program from their funds at \$100 per individual.”



# New VA chief promises to make a difference

**Rudi Williams**  
*American Forces Press Service*

Calling himself a veteran’s activist, Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi vowed to conduct a major top-to-bottom review of his department’s health care and claims processing systems and its use of information technology.

Principi promises to make a difference.

“If we don’t improve benefits and services after four years, I’ll consider my tour a failure,” he said.

The new secretary is a Vietnam combat veteran. His wife was a Navy nurse in Vietnam.

The VA’s entire system is being examined to ensure the needs of active-duty service members are being met when they become veterans and file for benefits, he said. For instance, smarter use of modern technology is critical to VA.

“We spend about \$1.5 billion a year

on information technology, but the outcomes are not anywhere near commensurate with the investment we make,” Principi said. “We need to be smarter about how we procure technology and how we use it.

“I want practical, hands-on solutions as to what we need to do better to provide high-quality, timely evaluations on claims,” Principi continued. “I want to ensure we have uniform access to high-quality healthcare.”

The VA operates 172 medical centers, 134 nursing homes and more than 800 community and outpatient clinics that treated more than 620,000 inpatients last year and provided for 36.4 million outpatient visits.

Principi said he is looking forward to feedback from a national telephone survey of veterans concerning VA services. The project started in February and will run through August. He said the results, expected in 2002, will help the government plan future programs and services.

VA officials expect the survey to help

them follow trends in the veteran population; compare veterans who use VA services and those who do not; study the delivery of VA benefits; and analyze VA policies.

The survey contractor, Westat Inc., is asking veterans about health, disabilities, military background, education and the need for services such as medical care, housing and education assistance. The interviewers will sample 20,000 veterans.

Principi said he is driven by his time last year as chairman of the Congressional Commission on Service Members and Veterans Transition Assistance. One of that group’s major concerns, for instance, was the experiences of service members who filed for disability compensation before separating, he noted.

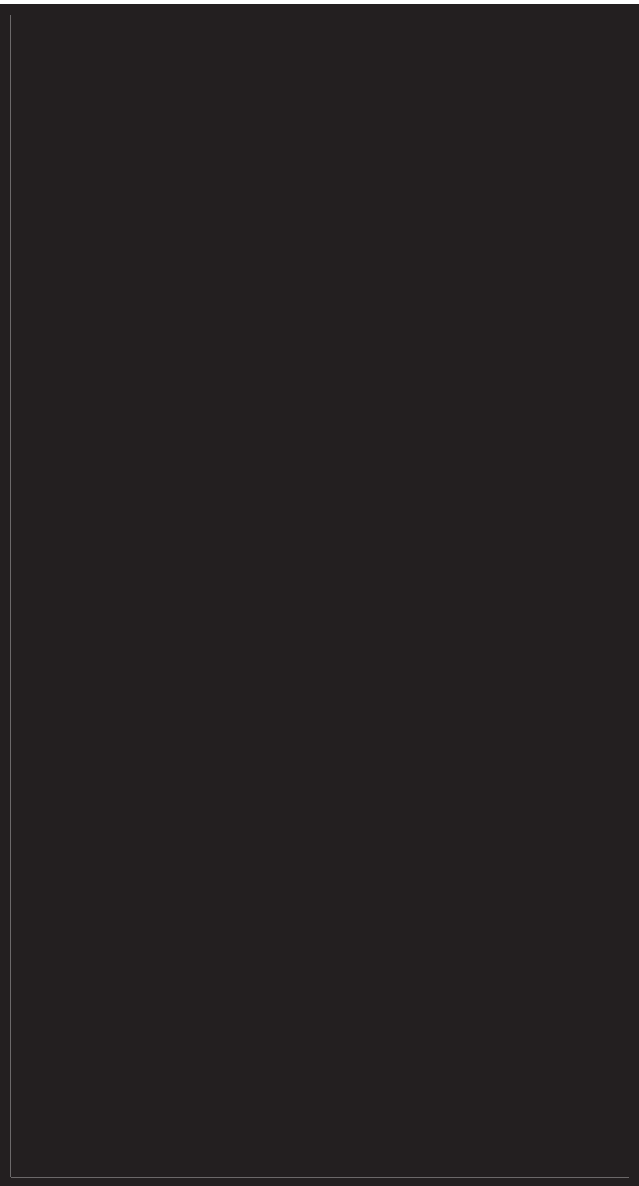
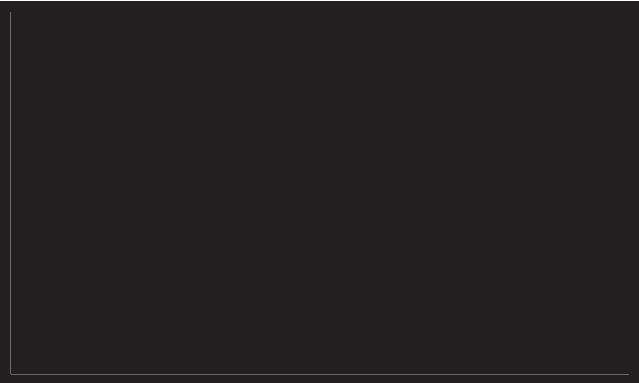
Principi said VA needs to continue seeking comments, feedback and recommendations of people on active duty and veterans as to their needs and how VA can better provide them. He vowed to

work hard, to listen to veterans’ concerns and to make decisions that will help.

“There has to be a close bond and trust between the people who defend the nation and who may come to us for their benefits after separating from the services,” he said. “They need to know we’re providing them with the care and benefits they’ve earned in service to our country.”

Principi characterized military and veterans benefits as a life cycle. “We’ll provide benefits and services to mitigate the hardships of active duty, or rehabilitation,” he said. “We’ll give them the educational tools and the keys to the door to success in life in this modern information age.

“We’ll make a difference,” he promised. “We’ll strengthen the bond and trust that absolutely must exist between the people who serve the nation and the 219,000 dedicated people in Veterans Affairs who provide services to them.”



# the Commentary Page

## Retention: Maybe we're missing something

**Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne**  
*Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii*

The Air Force has been doing a great job lately in marketing the benefits of an Air Force career. New television commercials, roving displays and an increase in the number of recruiters are all helping to spread the word about the Air Force. But maybe we're missing a very important target audience — our internal customers — those who already signed on the dotted line. Think about it. When's the last time you saw a brochure, flyer or other piece of promotional material that describes the benefits of continued service? It's probably been a while. Yet, we have tons of promotional

material right in front of us — we're just not using it. The source? Satisfied customers. Those who've signed on for an additional tour and who are in a position to really influence the younger troops. I'm talking about front-line supervisors. Why did you decide to stay in the Air Force? What factors did you consider when it was time to choose between an Air Force career or a return to civilian life? What benefits do you use on a daily basis yet take for granted? When's the last time you shared your thoughts and experiences with your troops? Communication studies prove time and again that supervisors, first sergeants and commanders are the most accurate, credible and reliable sources of information. But, those same surveys

also show that we, as supervisors, do a less than stellar job in really communicating with our folks. Why? Maybe we, as an institution, did it to ourselves. We've sped up the promotion process, placing people in positions of authority earlier in their careers. Did we arm them with the tools they need to become truly effective supervisors? Did we expose them to all the benefits of continued service, or did we leave them to find out for themselves? Probably the latter. And we keep replaying this cycle over and over again. It's time to break the cycle. Time for us to get excited about being a part of the world's most powerful Air Force. Most importantly, it's time for our excitement to become contagious and to infect the most junior troops.

How? By learning everything there is to learn about benefits and entitlements. By sharing that information during career counseling sessions. By constantly reinforcing the decision people make to stay with us. It's really pretty simple. Familiarize yourself with the Air Force Benefits Fact Sheet. Check out the Career Corner section of the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site. If we do this right, we won't have to worry about meeting our retention goals. Quite the contrary, we'll have to figure out who we need to let go because we have too many folks who want to stay with us. Far-fetched? Not really. Where else can you get a benefits package like the one the Air Force offers? Think about it.

National Women's History Month provides an opportunity to recognize the remarkable contributions that women have made to our nation. This is also a special occasion to recognize the outstanding women who have served and are serving in our armed forces. This year's theme of "Women of Courage and Vision" is indeed appropriate for the extraordinary women who have risked their lives to protect our nation. Throughout history, from the American Revolution, through two world wars, Vietnam and Desert Storm, women have displayed dedication, honor and vision in the defense of our freedom. We can all learn valuable lessons from women such as Dr. Anita Newcomb Magee, the Army's first female surgeon in 1898, and Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper, who was not only a courageous leader, but also a pioneer in data processing and computer science. This celebration serves to reiterate our nation's respect, admiration and gratitude for the women who have provided service to our country. The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join every American in extending our deep appreciation to the outstanding women for all that they have done and continue to do for our nation. Their hard work continues to make a difference for America and the world. We respect their sacrifices and celebrate their contributions to making our country strong and free.

Signed,  
Henry H. Shelton  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



## Safety requirement, not request

**Rick Crespo**  
*Chief, Traffic Safety*

We did extremely well in the recent inspections as far as the overall safety of the center. We can all be proud of that. We can also feel a certain pride in knowing that the Air Force, as an employer, takes safety VERY seriously. The mere fact that we are afforded some of the best work environments in the world does not necessarily mean that we all take full advantage of it. I have been in the safety career field since 1982 and it never ceases to amaze me — the indomitability of the human ego. We, as safety professionals, constantly remind you of the rules and regulations of working and living in a safe environment, and yet, this seems to chafe some and totally irritate the rest. This astounds me on one hand and is totally comprehensible on the other. To get to the heart of the matter, let's talk about the constant issue of the wearing of seat belts. How many times since you have had the capabil-

ity of speech have you heard different people/agencies tell you to "Wear your Seat Belts?" In the tens? Hundreds? Thousands? OK, let's just say that you have heard it numerous times. We in safety have constantly harped on this from the earliest of times. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I once more wish to take a bit of your time to let you know that not only the Air Force and the state of Oklahoma, but local laws demand it. Out of all the sections that the inspection teams looked at and evaluated, one of the most frequently found violations was in the area of seat belt usage. Ladies and gentlemen, if the vehicle you are riding in or on has seat belts, they must be used! It does not matter what kind of vehicle, whether it's a forklift, backhoe or mule, nor how little distance you will be traveling. The seat belts must be in use before the vehicle is placed in motion. This should be a simple rule, but we tend to forget it with alarming frequency. The consequences of not following these instructions have been demonstrated to be horrific at best. Please take the time to "Make it Click." It's the law.

## Worth REPEATING

*"I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is — try to please everybody."*  
— Herbert Bayard Swope

*"Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down."*  
— Anonymous

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# Reservists have commissary challenge for 2001

**Flo Dunn**  
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Officials with the Defense Commissary Agency are issuing a challenge to Reserve component members in 2001. Shop regularly in the commissary and it is guaranteed they and their family will save more than \$2,000 in the new year.

The key for unlocking the door to savings is the Commissary Privilege Card (DD Form 2529) issued annually to Guard and Reserve members by their units. The card contains 24 blocks to

record dates of the 24 authorized visits during the calendar year. Personnel who have not received their Commissary Privilege Card for their “24 in 2001” visits should contact their unit immediately. Neither commissaries nor the Defense Commissary Agency issue the cards.

“Gray area” Reserve component personnel — those who have retired from reserves and will be entitled to retired pay at age 60, but who are not yet 60 — also need the Commissary Privilege Card to take advantage of their 24 annual commissary visits. Commissary Privilege Cards for “gray area” personnel are mailed annually from locations

where their military personnel records are maintained.

To be eligible to shop in the commissary, Reserve component personnel, including “gray area” personnel and immediate family members, need a valid ID card and a current Commissary Privilege Card. Commissary personnel date and initial a block on the card for each visit.

Reserve and Guard personnel on active duty and their family members can shop in the commissary as many times as they wish by showing an ID card and active duty orders.

“Part-time soldiers have become critical to performing day-to-day missions of the U.S. military,” said Charles Cragin, assistant secretary of defense for Reserve affairs. “This year, guardsmen and reservists will perform 13 million duty days.” Ten years ago, when there were more Guard and Reserve members, they contributed a million duty days a year.

At the Defense Commissary Agency where the focus is attracting more authorized shoppers, Reserve component personnel are considered a key element in DeCA’s customer base.



# Industry Day a step in right direction



Air Force photo by Margo Wright

**Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Loren M. Reno welcomes attendees to the first Industry Day held by Tinker for its contractors March 14 at Rose State College.**

**Darren D. Heusel**  
*Staff Writer*

To help alleviate problems with meeting production schedules, several Tinker Air Force Base contractors attended the first-ever Propulsion Industry Day March 14 at the Rose State College Tom Steed Center.

“Industry Day is more than just business,” said Brig. Gen. Loren M. Reno, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center vice commander. “It’s more than supporting the national defense. It’s about supporting the warfighter.

“There are men and women who depend on the work that we do here, which depends on the work that you do, to either cause these jets to fly or not fly. I hope as we go through the day you understand your importance in that mission.”

A total of 127 procurement and repair contractors were invited to participate in the conference, which included 42 personnel from 27 companies.

The idea for an Industry Day was conceived several months ago by Tinker Installation Commander Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II.

According to Lisa Walker, logistics management specialist and one of the main organizers for the conference, “We were having trouble meeting production schedules, because we were not getting the parts timely from contractors. That’s

the reason General Johnson decided we need to hold an Industry Day to discuss some of those issues.

“The idea is to discuss issues we have with existing contracts and come up with ways contractors can help us and we can help them. We’re also trying to include issues the contractors may have.”

Col. Polly Peyer, Propulsion Management Directorate director, said when the center has had a problem meeting a production schedule in the past, the problem was usually due to not having the right part at the right time.

Peyer gave an overview of the OC-ALC and the Propulsion Management Directorate, focusing on mission and customer support.

Participants broke up into groups and attended two different breakout sessions tailored to new procurement contractors or repair contrac-

tors.

Sessions for new procurement contractors included information on technical data package requests, source approval, the first article inspection process, priority ratings and competitive long-term contracts.

Breakouts for repair contractors included information on the source of repair assignment process, accurate reporting process, technical orders, Defense Contract Maintenance Agency, shipping documents, certificate of conformance and bills of lading.

The conference culminated that afternoon with a tour of Bldg. 3001.

“The Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center is the Air Force propulsion center of the universe,” Reno said. “I hope when you leave here you get a sense of your part in national defense.”

## Conference...

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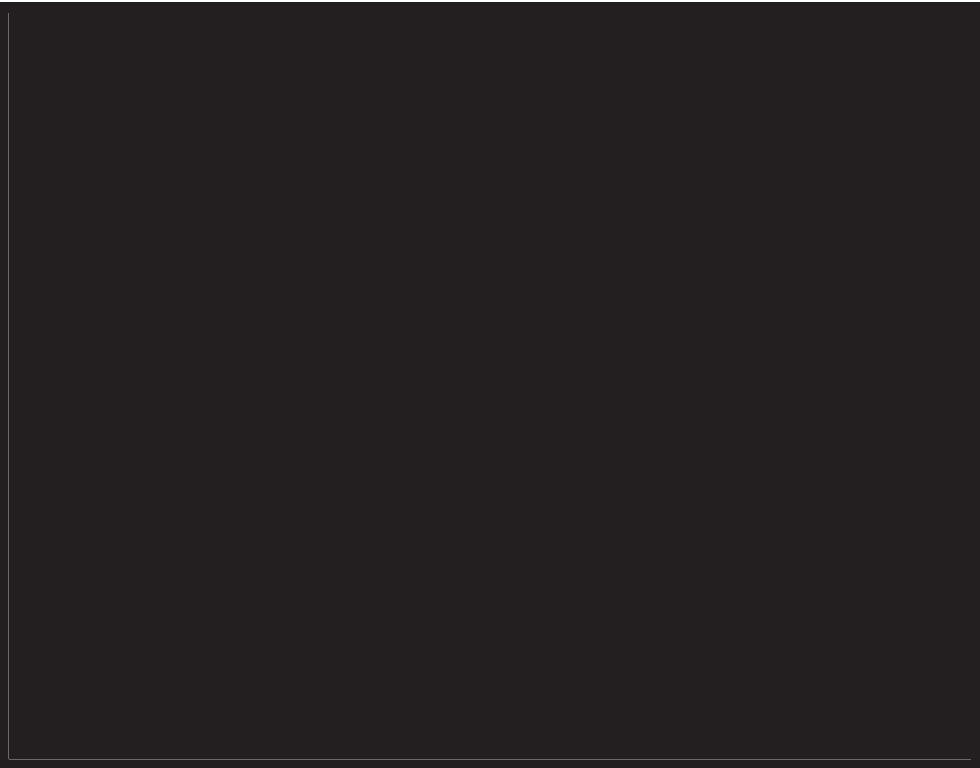
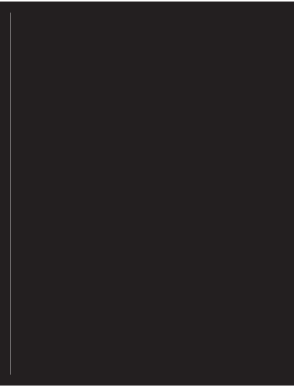
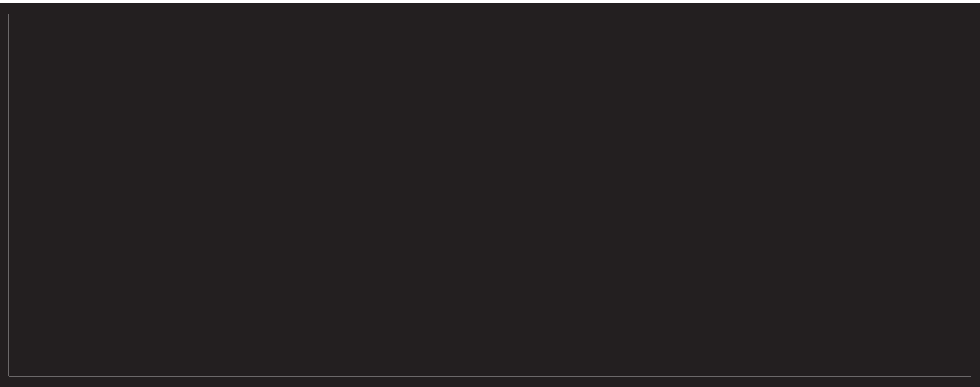
second dealt with services, which covered construction, telecommunications and information technology.

One session catered to those individuals interested in manufacturing, overhaul and repair, and another was tailored to those who

sell products and services that would be purchased with a government credit card.

Featured speaker for the conference luncheon was Bob Sever, assistant director of Small Business at the Defense Contract Management Center in

Denver. Sever, who is also chairman of the South Central Regional Council for Small Business Education and Advocacy, discussed the government Mentor-Protegé Programs and their benefits for small business.





# Chief: Top NCOs join elite enlisted group

Thirteen chief master sergeants, or the equivalent thereof, were ceremoniously inducted into the Tinker Chiefs' Group recently.

"Induction as a chief is a crowning moment in an enlisted person's life," said Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Command Chief Master Sgt. Terry Hirons. "When the Tinker Chiefs' Group does something, it's always done first-class and the chiefs' induction is no exception.

"I'm extremely proud to be part of this great group of chiefs, active duty and retired, who do so much for Tinker Air Force Base."

Inducted were: Barry E. Deal, Charlotte Epps, Nathan Fogg, Janice M. Goodale, Dale F. Kashakitits, Theodore "Steve" King, Larry J. Montgomery, Nancy J. Pelley, Darlene C. Puhalla, Jeffery W. Rowley, Robert D. Spinks, Richard E. Williams and Jack Hollister.

**Chief Master Sgt. Barry E. Deal** is superintendent of the base level systems flight for the 32nd Combat Communications Squadron.

Deal is a graduate of Meyersdale (Penn.) High School. He entered the Air Force in November 1977 and arrived at Tinker in August 2000.

**Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps** is an air reserve technician assigned as the chief of education and training for the 507th Mission Support Squadron, 507th Air Refueling Wing.

Epps was born in Oklahoma City and is a graduate of Newcastle High School. She entered the Air Force Reserve in February 1977 and all of her assignments have been with the 507th ARW.



She was assigned to her current position in November 1997.

**Chief Master Sgt. Nathan K. Fogg** is the superintendent of maintenance for the Oklahoma Air National Guard and liaison to the commander of the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

Fogg is a graduate of Graham High School in Bluefield, Va. He entered the Air Force in February 1974 as an avionics inertial and radar navigations specialist.

In 1978, he separated from active duty and joined the Oklahoma Air National Guard as an avionics and weapons control systems technician. He assumed his present responsibilities in 1999.

**Chief Master Sgt. Janice M. Goodale** is the supply superintendent for the 507th Logistics Support Squadron.

She is a graduate of Frewsburg Central (N.Y.) High School and entered the Air Force in October 1981 as a supply specialist.

Goodale became an air reserve technician in 1989 and moved to Oklahoma as a member of the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. In 1994, she transferred to the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron before assuming her present duties.

**Chief Master Sgt. (select) Dale F. Kashakitits** is the superintendent of the 72nd Medical Support Squadron.

Kashakitits was born in Biloxi, Miss., and graduated from Robinson High School in Tampa, Fla. He enlisted in the Air Force in September 1977 as a security specialist.

In 1982, he entered the pharmacy career field and in 1991 he received a request to serve as the pharmacy superintendent. Kashakitits was appointed to his current position in March 1999.

**Chief Master Sgt. (select) Steve King** is the superintendent of the 552nd Operations Group's Standardization and Evaluation Division.

King was born in London, England, and graduated from Everman High School in Ft. Worth, Texas. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1975.

He first came to Tinker in 1984 as a member of the 8th Tactical Deployment and Control Squadron. King returned in 1996 and attained qualification in the E-3, serving with the 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron as operations superintendent until assuming his present position in May 2000.

**Chief Master Sgt. Larry J.**

*See Chief page 22.*

**Montgomery** is the Individual Mobilization Augmentee Security Manager for the 72nd Security Forces Squadron.

He is a graduate of Okemah High School and originally enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1961. Montgomery enlisted in the Oklahoma Air National Guard in 1986 as a security specialist. In 1994, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserve as an IMA.

**Chief Master Sgt. Nancy J. Pelley** is the state human resource advisor for the Oklahoma Air National Guard. She is assigned to Headquarters Oklahoma Air National Guard and works directly with the adjutant general for the state of Oklahoma.

Pelley was born in Memphis, Tenn. and graduated from Norman High School. She entered the Oklahoma Air National Guard in June 1978.

**Chief Master Sgt. (select) Darlene C. Puhalla** is the superintendent of the 72nd Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, 72nd Medical Group, 72nd Air Base Wing.

Puhalla is a graduate of James B. Dudley High School in Greensboro, N.C. She entered the Air Force in 1979 as a dental assistant.

In 1996, Puhalla transferred to Tinker and was assigned to the 72nd Medical Group as dental squadron superintendent. She was appointed to her current position in September 2000.

**Chief Master Sgt. (select) Jeffrey W. Rowley** is the chief of E-3 Enlisted Aircrew Training for Detachment 6, Air

## OU quarterbacks coach reflects on perfect season

**Darren D. Heusel**

*Staff Writer*

University of Oklahoma quarterbacks coach and passing coordinator Chuck Long stirred the pro-Sooner spirit of a good crowd during the Tinker Management Association luncheon March 15 at the Tinker Officer's Club.

Long reflected on everything that went into helping OU complete a magical 13-0 season with a 13-2 victory over Florida State in the FedEx Orange Bowl en route to the school's seventh national title and its first since 1985.

He talked about commitment, dedication, leadership, accountability and confidence — all the characteristics that make a champion. He said those same traits are prevalent in any successful venture.

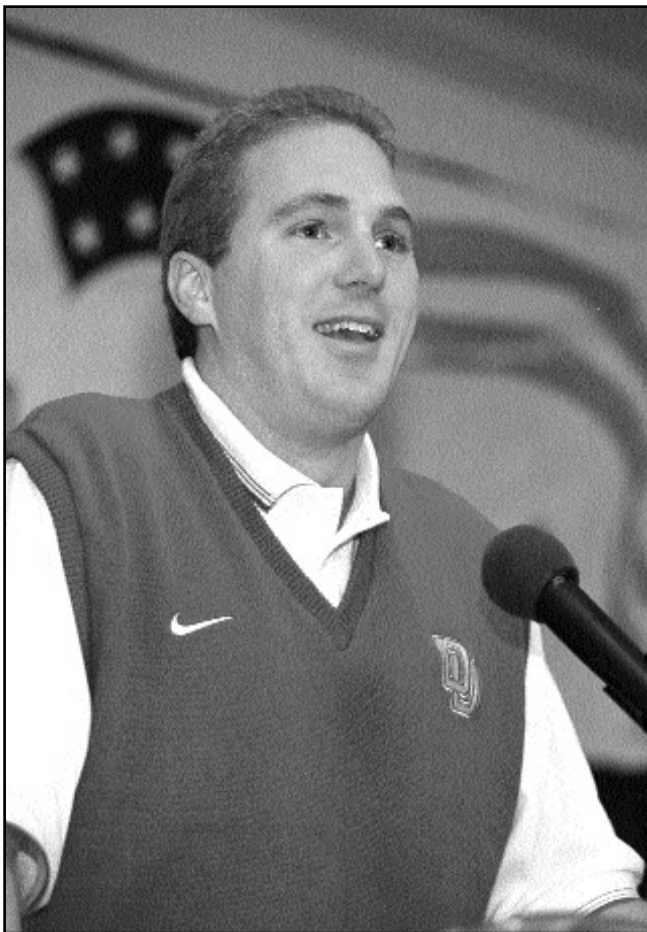
Long also talked about the players' attitudes off the field and how they "took care of business after hours," which he said is a reflection of the university and head coach Bob Stoops.

"I enjoyed growing up a Sooner fan," Long said. "I watched all the great teams and great players like Steve Owens, Joe Washington, the Selmon brothers [Lucious, Dewey and Lee Roy], Steve Davis, Thomas Lott ... it was a great tradition at OU and I enjoyed growing up with it.

"But any tradition can drop fast if you're not crossing your Ts and dotting your Is. That certainly happened at OU in the '90s. They went through a pretty rough time. They went through four head coaches before they finally hired Bob Stoops, who has done a magical job at Oklahoma. He's a pretty tough guy and he did a good job of molding the team in his image."

Long, a former consensus All-America quarterback at the University of Iowa and winner of the 1985 Maxwell Trophy and Davey O'Brien Award, served five seasons on the Hawkeye coaching staff before joining the Sooners Dec. 14, 1999, just prior to their showdown with Mississippi in the Independence Bowl.

In his brief tenure with OU, Long has already made



*Air Force photo by Margo Wright*

**University of Oklahoma quarterbacks coach Chuck Long talks about all the characteristics that make a champion during the Tinker Management Association luncheon March 15 at the Tinker Officers' Club.**

a tremendous impact on Sooner quarterbacks. His most prized pupil, Josh Heupel, went on to break virtually every single-season and career passing mark for the Sooners and the Big 12 Conference on his way to grabbing consensus All-American honors. He also was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy.

"When Coach Stoops hired me, he asked me two questions," said Long. "He asked me if I play basketball and the next question was more of a comment. He said, 'don't screw up Josh Heupel.' I've been very fortunate to coach a great young man. He was everybody's All-American and Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. Most importantly, though, he was a great leader, on and off the field.

"Josh would stay after practice and on the weekends and the rest of the guys just fell in line," Long continued. "The guys had great chemistry. They got along so well. They were really a close-knit group and they showed a lot of class. They were probably the best I've ever been around."

A newly elected member of the College Football Hall of Fame, Long is believed to be the only collegiate player ever to have played in five bowl games. He competed for two plays in the 1981 Rose Bowl and went on to guide the Hawkeyes to appearances in the Peach, Gator, Freedom and Rose Bowl the next four years.

As Iowa's career passing leader, Long is the only Big Ten player to ever pass for more than 10,000 yards. During his senior season, he passed for 3,297 yards and set a school record for touchdowns with 27. Long also holds the Big Ten and Iowa record for career touchdown passes with 74 and has the Big Ten's best career completion rate of .650 percent.

Long was a three-time First Team All-Big Ten selection and was the big Ten Athlete of the Year as a senior. In four years as a starter, he led Iowa to a 35-13-1 mark overall.


The TMA Team of the Month Award for March was presented to the Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program follow-up team.

The MSEP team was selected for its comprehensive knowledge of maintenance processes and core requirements of depot maintenance activities as outlined in Air Force Material Command and Air Force directives.

The team was tasked with accomplishing a complete review of the center's product directorates' compliance with Back to Basics requirements to ensure readiness for the Feb. 1 MSEP evaluation.



Trivia  
Timeout



**Which team has the dubious distinction of scoring the fewest points (20) in an NCAA tournament game?**

*North Carolina. They lost the 1941 East Regional Final to Pittsburgh, which scored the grand sum of 26 points.*



TINKER  
RUNNING  
CLUB

The Tinker Running Club is open to runners regardless of pace or ability. All runners are invited to gather at the Gerrity Sports Center at 4 p.m. Tuesdays and join in a five-mile run.

For more information on the running club or upcoming races, contact Maj. Glenn Van Vliet at 736-7710 or 739-5575, or visit [www.runningnetwork.com](http://www.runningnetwork.com). Also, try these running Web sites: [www.runnersworld.com](http://www.runnersworld.com) and [www.runnertriathlete-news.com](http://www.runnertriathlete-news.com).

**Upcoming races**

- Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, April 29
- Andy Payne Memorial Races in Oklahoma City, May 26

“*Get fit and have a ball*”

May Fitness Month coming soon

**Services Marketing**

May Fitness Month events will be starting soon. Many events have been planned for to help people get in shape.

Events include:

*April 30-May 4:* Preseason softball tournament

*May 1:* Start of the Stamp Card program and USAF 5K Family Fun RUN/Walk

*May 5:* Aerobithon and Health Fair

*May 7:* Start of intramural golf and softball

*May 11:* Boxing Smoker

*May 19:* Outdoor Recreation Bicycle Race

*May 26:* Swimming pool opens

*May 31:* Stamp cards submitted for awards and grand prize drawings

*May 29:* Chiefs vs. Eagles softball game

*May 1-31:* Incentive programs offered

A full range of fitness activities ranging from individual incentive programs and special event activities to team sports competition is slated to be conducted this year. Additionally, participants will be afforded the opportunity to earn prizes for their efforts through the “Stamp Card” program, which provides awards for taking part in the activity schedule.

Awards consist of sports balls for completing a stamp card to enter in the grand prize drawings of gift certificates and an expense paid trip for two to the Brickyard 400 car race in Indianapolis.

May Fitness Month activities are sponsored in part by Gatorade.

For additional information contact the Gerrity Fitness Center at 734-5607 or watch the *Tinker Take Off* for more details.

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